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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Dr THOMAS STUTTAFORD



Elton John becomes knight of pop

# Honours for the teaching profession

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THERE is a knighthood for a headteacher, another becomes a dame and many more receive awards in the New Year Honours today as Tony Blair uses the awards system in the campaign to improve school standards and restore

the reputation of teaching. The Prime Minister has decided to focus his first fulllength list on education, with 58 awards at all levels from university principal to streetcrossing patroller, and he says today that he is honouring not only the best of the profession but the profession itself". The move comes after Mr Blair's promise soon after the election to root out bad teachers but also to give a

fresh deal to the good ones. However, Mr Blair follows his predecessors in recognising a long list of celebrities from sport, entertainment and literature, with, as widely predicted, a knighthood for the rock-singer Elton John.

The star's singing of Candle in the Wind at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, struck a chord with the public and the record has so far raised £20 million for her memorial fund. Many who played a part in the funeral. including the Welsh Guards officer who organised the carrying of the coffin and the driver of the hearse from Westminster to the Althorp burial ceremony, are singled

out for awards in today's list. Elton John, 50, whose work for Aids charities is also acknowledged by the award, has risen from the depths of drugs and drink addiction to

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Election 'rigged'

President Moi has accused

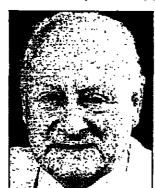
sion of rigging the general election held this week. Mr

Moi, whose Kanu party was widely tipped to win the poll,

The economy has been grow-

ing at an unsustainable rate

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Finney: "thrilled to bits" with knighthood

become accepted by the Estab-lishment. The former Reg Dwight said last night that his joy at the knighthood was immeasurable". He follows in the footsteps of Sir Cliff Richard and Sir Paul McCartknight of British pop.

He is joined from the entertainment world by Petula



Watch out! Here comes Sir sir!

Clark, the biggest selling Brit-ish woman singer (CBE); An-nette Crosbie, who plays the long-suffering Mrs Meldrew in television's One Foot in the Grave (OBE): Deborah Kerr, 76, who played opposite Yul Brynner in The King and I (CBE); and Nicholas Garland, the cartoonist (OBE). Michael Gambon, the actor and star of The Singing Detective, is knighted, as are Arthur C. Clarke, the science fiction writer and inspiration of the film 2001; Richard Rodney Bennett, the composer; and Terence Frost, the painter. Alan Howard, who has played six Shakespearean kings, is appointed CBE.

Heading the sports honours is a knighthood at last for the long-retired footballer Tom Finney, who with Stanley Matthews formed the finest wing pairing England has had. Now 75, he was thrilled to bits, he said last night. From the cricketing past there is an MBE for Alf Gover, 89, the former Surrey and England fast bowler who later ran a cricketing school.

Mark Hughes, the Chelsea and former Manchester United forward, and Jim Leighton, the veteran Scotland goalkeeper, are appointed MBE and there are OBEs for Jenny Pitman, the horseracing trainer. Tessa Sanderson, the javelin thrower, and Martin Johnson, captain of the victorious British Lions touring team to South Africa. Jack Rowell, the former England rugby coach, is appointed OBE. Peter Goss, one of Britain's

most experienced racing sail-



Lynda Roberts, the determined teacher who helped a child to come to terms with family disaster, is appointed MBE

ors, is appointed MBE. Last year he turned back in heavy seas during the Vendee Globe non-stop round-the-world race to rescue a fellow competitor, Raphael Dinelli.

There is an OBE for Andy Green, the squadron leader who drove the Thrust supersonic car into the record books in the Nevada Desert last October. He pushed the black ten-ton vehicle through the sound barrier to its limit.

setting an official average of 763.035 mph. Lynda Roberts, 44, the dedi-

cated and determined teacher who helped a child to come to terms with the murder of her mother and sister is appointed MBE. Mrs Roberts was instrumental in helping Josie Russell, now ten, to recover her powers of speech after the child was traumatised in a hammer attack during which her mother Lin and younger

sister Megan, six, were killed in opposition, Mr Blair gives as the three of them were walking home from school.

There is a CBE for Michael Grade, former chief executive of Channel 4. Alan Freeman, 70, one of the early disc-jockey pioneers, is appointed MBE. There is a knighthood for Professor John Pattison, head of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee and an expert on BSE.

Following Labour's practice

By AUDREY MAGEE BILLY WRIGHT was buried yesterday and Portadown, his home town, was brought to a standstill by the men in black leather jackets he spawned.

By midday the streets were deserted, shops shut. A printed A4 flyer had been sent to all the businesses requesting them to close as a mark of

respect" for Wright. "Your cooperation is noted and appreciated," said the letter signed Loyalist Volunteer Force, a terrorist group led by Wright.
What choice do we have? said one shopkeeper. "If they can't stop people killing each other in prison, then there's

little chance of protection for

me and my family on the Police had been told there would be no paramilitary trappings at the funeral and stayed away, maintaining a discreet and-distant presence down sidestreets. Troops were on patrol on the perimeter of the Armagh town, which for the past three years has ground to a halt during the July stand-off between Catholic residents and Orangemen marching from Drumeree

church. At midday sharp, huses stopped running, taxi drivers went home and shopkeepers pulled down their shutters. Then the LVF men in thin plack ties took over the streets. patrolling with walkie-talkies. They corralled the journalists, threatening them with a buller in the back of the head if they moved from their spot or photographed the faces of

mourners From Brownstown Road, a quarter of a mile from the Wright home on the fiercely loyalist Brownstown estate, we were watched over by three tacitum men in black leather jackets as the Rev William Gray, a Free Presbyterian

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## 1997 was the third warmest year recorded in three centuries

SCIENCE EDITOR

THIS year has been the third warmest in England since records began more than 300 years ago, the Meteorological

Office said yesterday.

Analysis shows that the mean Central England Temperature for 1997 was 10.57C (approximately 52F). This is the temperature measured at four places - Malvern in Worcestershire, Rothamsted in Hertford<u>s</u>hire. Squires Gate, near Blackpool, and Ringway, near Manchester and averaged over the whole

It is the longest-running accused the commission of temperature record in the world, dating from 1659. Since making sure that there was a shortage of ballot papers in then, the Met Office's Hadley areas which traditionally sup-Centre for Climate Prediction ported his party......Page 13 and Research says, only two Leading article, page 19 years have been hotter - 1990, with a mean of 10.63C and George warning

1949 (10.62C). Dr Paul Mason, Chief Scientist at the Met Office, said: We are becoming increasingly confident that recent warm-

1877-79 - cold, wet 1660 1700 1750

ing on a global scale is due in part to man-made emissions greenhouse gases." Rainfall in England and Wales was lower than normal, but not exceptionally so. Until yesterday there had been 844mm of rain, 94 per cent of the longterm average of 896mm.

Over their 300-year history temperatures vary greatly from year to year. A smoother

record is obtained by taking

1800 1850 1900 1950 1990 20-year rolling averages, as in the graph, but this still shows

wide discrepancies, with some

notably cool spells and some

Exceptionally cold winters, such as that of 1683-4, when the Thames froze solid and Frost Fairs were held, are reflected by dips in the rolling average. But a single crazy year like 1740, the coldest on record, contributes only a

ing years were not so cold. The average temperature in 1740 was 6.8C, compared with 9.2C for 1739 and 9.3C for 1741.

The 1810s were a cool decade, marked in 1816 by the "year without a summer", generally attributed to the eruption of the volcano Tambora in Indonesia.

In England, says Dr David Parker of the Met Office, average annual temperatures depend strongly on wind direction. Westerly winds during the winter, the normal pattern, will produce warmer weather. But from time to time persistently high pressure blocks the westerlies as in 1947

This year, he says, only avoided becoming the hottest on record in England because of a cold spell at the beginning January. ☐ The new year is expected to start with gales, probably less severe than those over

Forecast, page 22 son.

#### Gagging order put on Sun

THE Attorney-General, John Morris QC, yesterday obtained an injunction banning The Sun from naming the Cabinet minister's son at the centre of drug-dealing al-

The move came after the arrest on Monday of Dawn Alford. The Mirror reporter who broke the story.

A spokesman for the Treasury Solicitor's office said: The basis of the Attorney-General's application, which was upheld by the judge, was in summary that publication of the young person's name would be a contempt of court, in that there is a likelihood that it would interfere with the course of justice."

The Attorney-General's office added: "The Attorney was acting independently of Government and in his capacity as guardian of the public interest.

A second 17-year-old has been arrested by police investigating the allegation of canna-bis dealing by the minister's



no strictly political honours.

However. David Trimble.

leader of the Ulster Unionists.

is appointed privy counsellor.

Chris Patten, former Gover-

nor of Hong Kong and former

Tory Cabinet minister, be-

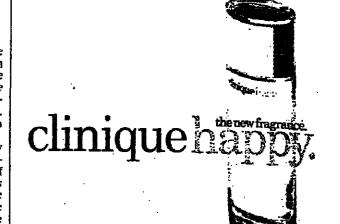
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# They also earn who only stand and serve

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON and Katherine Bergen

ANYONE at a new year party tonight would do well to observe how the waiter balances a tray of canapes in one hand and pours champagne with the other, all the while maintaining a smile. Then they should go home and

practise to do likewise. For those prepared to act as waiters on New Year's Eve 1999, the rewards will be enormous. Demand is far oustripping supply, and a half-decent waiter ready to desert family and friends can expect to earn up to £1,000

for his night's work. Dance bands with a passable Lady in Red in their songbook will also be in the money, charging E15.000 for one night against their usual £2,000.

In London alone, where a normal new year party might see about 10,000 catering staff in action, demand is expected to swell the number tenfold in 1999. A no-frills wine waiter who will earn E6 to E10 an hour this year can expect at least double that plus bonuses running into hundreds of pounds. For head waiters, chief bouncers or head chefs, the rewards will mean that they can start thinking about the Seychelles

as a holiday destination in January

Christmas.

2000. Since the bigger corporate events demand a ratio of one member of catering staff to 15 guests, party organisers are building the much higher costs into their estimates and passing them on to their clients. William Bartholemew, who runs Juliana's, said: "There has been a lot of hype about 1999, but there is no staff. It is hard to get even those who are available to commit. Disc jockeys don't

seem to want to work so, no dancing." The problem is exacerbated by the sheer volume of celebrations in Brit-

ain, where millions of tourists are expected to see in the new millennium at Greenwich, home of the prime meridian. Every big venue in the country is already booked up, including some that have not even opened. such as the 75,000-seater Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

But, despite all the bustle, a survey published yesterday by Mumm Champagne reveals that 28 per cent of Britons intend to spend New Year's Eve 1999 at home in front of the television while another 20 per cent are planning a foreign holiday to escape



# Trimble hits at Maze inquiry for lack of independence

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE inquiry into the running of Northern Ireland's Maze prison was described as wholly inadequate by David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist

He did not believe the investigation, to be headed by the Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales, General Sir David Ramsbothani, was "independent".

He said that Sir David should investigate the prison's operation over recent months rather than concentrating only on Saturday's INLA murder of Billy Wright. The lax regime in the Maze is not just an operational matter," Mr Trimble told BBC radio.

We believe it's a matter of policy; that the policy was directed from the Northern Ireland Office; that because the prisoners are alleged to be significant in terms of the decision-making of the Republicans, that everything must be done to make the Republican prisoners feel happy; and that the security just simply became non-existent.

"And (we believe) that this was a result of policy directed by the secretary of state. That's what we want to see

Random searches, also announced as part of the Government's clampdown on security in the Maze, began yesterday. An inquiry into the escape of IRA prisoner Liam Averill - believed to have made his way out disguised as a woman during a Christmas party for inmates and their relatives will be extended to include Wright's murder. Wright's family is unhappy with the proposal and wants an independent inquiry into his

Mr Trimble, who met Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, yesterday to discuss deteriorating security, said he had heard that the gun used to kill Wright was smuggled in during the Christmas



The huge funeral procession in Portadown following the coffin of Billy Wright, the notorious loyalist who was murdered in the Maze prison

A prison spokesman said that Martin Mogg, who beparty. He said: "Several prison officers have alleged that, came Maze governor in Octoduring the party from which a prisoner escaped disguised as ber, had briefly attended the woman, the chief governor children's party on the day of Averili's escape but had not was engaged on the bouncy happened. It's also being said to us that the relatives of the children who came to that party were not searched on the

played on the bouncy castle, erected in the gym to amuse the children. Mark Healy, the national chairman of the Prison Officers Association, renewed calls for resignations and demantled that Alan Shannon, head of the Northern Ireland

> prison service, stand down. prisoner is murdered within a high security jail and nobody, it seems, is prepared to shoul-der the blame is not an acceptable position," said Mr Healy.

But Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. and her ministers have repeatedly said that they do not consider the murder a resign-

Sir John Wheeler, the Tory former Northern Ireland Security Minister, said that nobody should be made a scapegoat for failures at the

prison. He said that it was a very difficult prison to run as it is the most vigorously inspected by groups like Amnesty

He said: "The prisoners are part of the political talks process in this sense: that those who represent them in the talks process - the Provisional IRA/Sinn Fein or the loyalist groups ... are constantly demanding changed and improved conditions for

It's against that backdrop to operate. It's a very difficult institution to manage." Mr Trimble said he was

somewhat unimpressed after being made a member of the Privy Council in the honours He said: "I would not attach

any great significance to it. It comes with the rations." His predecessor as leader of the party. Lord Molyneaux was also made a Privy Coun-

cilior while leader. Letters, page 19

## Men in black

Continued from page I minister, started the funeral service. Wright had given full instructions for his funeral service, citing the people he wanted to conduct the ceremonies. Family and close friends. including Mark Fulton, his most likely successor, were Thousands more

braved the winter cold outside before, armed men in balaclavas posed for photographs beside Wright's open coffin.
Forty minutes later the cor-

tège, led by a piper and women carrying wreaths, left the house for the mile walk to Seagoe cemetery. Two men arrived with a message from the house: if faces of mourners were photographed, cameramen would be tracked down "and dealt with". Some 4,000 people poured from houses to follow the cortege, dominated by a black and white wreath.

spelling LVF. At closer view.

less ominous floral tributes were prevalent. One, from his three children, spelt "Dad". They walked behind the coffin with his former wife.

Kenny McClinton, a former loyalist terrorist turned preacher who served life for murder, addressed mourners at the graveside. He said of Wright, 37: "He was a complicated man of high integrity and a product of the troubled times in which we came through." No mention was made of dozens of Catholics whom Wright allegedly murdered.

Twenty miles away in Coalisland, the former IRA prisoner murdered in retaliation for the INLA killing of Wright was also buried yesterday. Seamus Dillon, 35, who served life for triple murder, was killed on Saturday night while working as a doorman outside

#### Gun raid exercise police to get stress payout

By Adrian Lee

THREE police officers who were held at gunpoint for almost an hour without realising they were involved in a training exercise organised by colleagues are to receive compensation.
Police constables Stephen

Fenn, Robert Crisp and Mark Lowe responded to a 999 call from a member of the public who also believed he was witnessing a genuine emer-gency. For 50 minutes they were threatened with shotguns and feared they would be killed. The officers were later

found to be suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. More than four years after the incident, in Barking, east London, the Metropolitan Police have accepted liability in all three cases. PC Lowe has settled out of court but the High Court will set a figure for damages for his colleagues. All three are still serving officers.

The men were on duty in April 1993 when they answered the emergency call. They arrived at a security depot to find "armed raiders" holding hostages and were themselves taken captive.

"The whole thing was a complete cock up," Ian Walker, their solicitor, said yesterday. "They were not told that the whole thing was an exercise. They believed that other police officers were already being held hostage — they saw shotguns pointed at them — and that they too were going to be shot at. It was extremely distressing and frightening."

Mr Walker said the exercise

had been organised by a specialist police unit but the local police station had not

"Communications were dire," he said. "Afterwards, no one even told these men that they were sorry. They had been terrified but they were just expected to get back to

Those involved in the exercise believed the three officers were also part of the simulated armed raid. At one stage the constables, who are in their men" talking to a police officer and believed the robbery was

an "inside job". The officers all declined to discuss the case. A police spokesman confirmed the 1993 incident. In December 1995 the Yard received a writ from PC Lowe claiming posttraumatic stress.It was settled out of court in November without any admission of

The Yard said that the two other officers are also making claims after writs were issued earlier this year.

contemporaries, being fired before he had completed St

Paul's. The problem with a 1970s building, said Professor

Wilson, was that "inevitably

20 years later it doesn't con-

tain any of the latest gimmicks

of the 1990s . . . I feel I'm on a

different timescale. I see it as

par for the course. It is simply the way the Brits treat archi-

tects and big projects."

He believes the critics were judging it before they had even

of it because the nostalgia for the Round Reading Room is

perfectly explicable. I'm grati-fied at the number of people

now working in the new

building who now prefer it."

The historian Lady Antonia Fraser and novelist David

Lodge are among leading figures who have given their wholehearted backing to the

building, which opened last

The knighthood is another

boost for him and will help to

raise the profile of his new

firm. Colin St John Wilson

n it: "I can understand part

# NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Drift-net season may be changed

Jack Conningham, the is considering shortening the season for drift-net fishing off northeast England to improve the spring run of salmon up Scottish and English

Dr Cunningham, who enjoys fly-fishing on the Derwent in Cumbria, where he represents Copeland, says that the decline in river catches of salmon will be among issues examined in a review of fishing law in the new year. Interviewed in the January issue of Trout and Salmon magazine, Dr Cunningham says: "I know there is a very strong feeling that netting has been damaging to spring runs of fish. I am considering what action

#### Lost boy found

A British boy who was snatched by his father two years ago after a custody dispute has been found by police in Benidorm. Gavin Gill, 9, disap-peared from his home in Wolverhampton during a shopping trip with his father, Tony. His mother, Yvonne, who was granted custody after separating from her husband, flew to Spain last night.

#### Migrant alert

Immigration officials were put on full alert last night after the Home Office disclosed that 63 illegal immigrants had been found in lorries in the past week, Mike O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, said there appeared to be "concerted attempts to breach immigration controls being orchestrated over Christmas by crime bosses abroad".

#### Sea rescue

Helicopters from the US Coast Guard and Air Force were helping in the rescue of 28 crew from the British-owned cargo ship, the Merchant Patriot, foundering in heavy seas off Florida. The crew had to jump overboard to be waves and high winds made it impossible to lift them from the decks. No injuries were reported.

#### Death inquiry

A surgeon has been suspended from duty at Homerton Hospital in Hackney, East London, while police investigate the death of a woman who developed internal bleeding during a routine operation. The family of Elif Aksu, 34, from North London, said they hoped it would provide an explanation of how the lit and healthy woman died.

#### Art of skiing

More than 200 travel posters depicting the develop-ment of some of Europe's most popular winter sports resorts are to be sold by Christie's in February. The pictures trace changing equipment, techniques and fashions from 1895 to 1970. One shows a woman skiing down an uncrowded ountain in Chamonix in full Edwardian dress.

#### Holed out

A dog was dug out of a rabbit hole after being trapped for 12 days. Kehas, a miniature dachshund, was found by a farmer who heard whining. The dog's owners.
Otto and Titia Faithorne. of Westleigh, near Taunof westerge, near caun-ton, Somerset, spent two hours digging her out. She being fed on water, glucose and turkey to restore her weight.

# LONDON UNBEATABLE BREAKS BED AND FULL TRADITIONAL BREAKFAST FROM

David Trimble, left, said the inquiry headed by Sir David Ramsbotham lacked independence

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# Knighthood is late reward for vilified library architect

Library awarded a knighthood in the honours blamed abuse hurled at his building by Gerald Kaufman, David Mellor and the Prince of Wales for closing down his

Colin St John Wilson said that their attacks caused work at his firm to dry up: "It was pretty surprising not to have been shortlisted or invited for any of the hundreds and hundreds of lottery projects and millennium projects, but one was seen as a bad ber for raising further funding." By last spring, his company was forced into liquidation.

While the knighthood offers some solace, the wounds are still raw. The Emeritus Professor of Architecture at Cambridge University, who was appointed to the project in 1962, cannot forget Mr Kaufman — as chairman of the select committee inquiry into the library - saying the building was as glamorous as a public lavatory. Nor is it away. I prefer a building to do

likening the design to "an academy for secret police" or the painful experience of switching on the radio and hearing Mr Mellor say: "The problem is he's no bloody good as an architect." He recalled: "I just turned on the car radio to receive that

one. The extraordinary thing about Kaufman is that the select committee he chaired did not have the design of the library on its agenda. It was to do with the management. "No evidence on the design was called for. I was not asked to speak or questioned. It was quite extraordinary to open his report saying it was the ugliest building in the world.

That was totally gratuitous. I'm so flabbergasted at the general irresponsibility of At the time he had refrained from speaking out. "You don't gain too much by getting angry. People aren't interested

in someone complaining



the speaking for me. I believe

What he most regretted about having to close his practice was that a first-rate team had to be dispersed: There were younger people in it who certainly had a right to move on to new projects. But, he observed, history seemed to be repeating itself:

even Christopher Wren suf-

Wilson: shocked by virulence of attacks

# Teaching profession honoured

Continued from page 1 comes a Companion of Honour, as does Professor Eric Hobsbawm, the political and social historian.

Mr Patten said yesterday: "I always regarded the job I had to do in Hong Kong as a privilege and an honour. But obviously, I am pleased that it has been recognised in this way."

The decision to pinpoint a key area such as education for awards marks part of Mr Blair's campaign to modernise the honours system and will indicate a trend for future lists. The Queen's Birthday Honanniversary of the health service.

Leslie Geoffrey Hampton, of Northicote School, Wolverhampton, becomes the first serving state school headmaster to be knighted. Within two years of his appointment he turned round a school that had failed an Ofsted inspection. Similarly, Tamsyn Imison, head teacher of Hamp-stead School, Camden, is appointed DBE after introducing wide-ranging initiatives to improve standards in her school. Panicia Collarbone, former headmistress of a Hackney school whose standards rose substantially under her leadership, is

also appointed DBE. Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the committee of inquiry into higher education, is one of four new life peers, the others being Sir Robin Burler, the Cabinet Secretary, Paul Hamlyn, the publisher. and the Right Rev David Sheppard, former Bishop of Liverpool and, in earlier days, an England opening batsman.

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# Harassment law gets the bird in police swoop

Paul Wilkinson reports on a garden dispute that put a neighbour in court

BUSINESSMAN wa arrested and held in police cells for three hours after trying to deter his neighbour's pigeons from his garden. Martin Ward was charged under new anti-harassment laws, accused of singing Come Fly With Me at the top of his voice, throwing a ball about and erecting a one-eyed plastic owl.

Mr Ward, 35, appeared before magistrates under the Harassment Act 1997. But after one court appearance, the Crown Prosecution Service has now dropped the case. Police have admitted that the new law is causing

Yesterday, the enmity seemed to be continuing over the garden fence in Rawmarsh, South Yorkshire, where Mr Ward's four-bedroom detached home stands next to the council bungalow of Tom Thornton, 82, an old soldier. Mr Thornton said: He's a complete idiot. If I had my way, he'd be given six months' National Service for what he's done to me."

Mr Ward, and his parents Helena, 64, and Bryan, 67, have lived in their house for 31 years. Its half an acre of garden is Mr Ward's particular joy, and he spends much



Martin Ward, left, and his neighbour Tom Thornton, who said: "If I had my way, he would be given six months' National Service for what he's done'

time keeping it well-mani-cured. Nine years ago, Mr Thornton and his wife moved in next door. Mr Thornton

keeps 22 pigeons. Mr Ward said: "They drop mess on our washing, divebomb us when we have barbecues and delight in swooping low over the lawn. Gardening is my main hobby and it is just being ruined by "I work six days a week in the family greengrocery business and I have taken only one week's holiday since I left school. I have asked my neighbour to do something about the pigeons, but he refuses and abuses me.

"My mother has a phobia about birds. With all the problems, I saw this £15 plastic owl in a store. It is supposed to work as a deterrent. I hung it from a piece of

pole and stuck it in the lawn which is about 15ft from next door. It didn't work, but the next thing I knew the police called round and accused me of firing a gun at his property. I have never even had a gun.

but I was given a warning. Then, about six weeks later, the police came again. I was accused of harassing Mr Thornton's pigeons with the police told me to take it down

or they would arrest me. I took it down, but three weeks later I was arrested and taken to Rotherham police station and kept in a cell for three

"I was accused of harassing my neighbour and his pigeons with the owl, throwing a ball and singing in the garden. I couldn't believe it. I have never said a bad word to him. I've never had even a parking ticket in my life. Apart from putting up the owl. I can't see what I've done wrong. It seems the police have listened only to his side

of the story."
Mr Thornton said: "My pigeons are of enormous sentimental value to me. They were getting frightened and I lost a couple. They don't cause any problems. Some of the birds flying around here are not mine.

Mr Ward put up the owl and has been waving sticks and frightened my pigeons to death. He has caused me a lot of worry. Even yesterday, he was out in the garden throwing a ball up at my birds."
PC John Carr, who arrested

Mr Ward, admitted that prosecutors "were still trying to



Unwise move: the one-eyed plastic owl which Mr Ward hung on his lawn

# Bishop's son updates mystery plays with down-and-out Jesus

A BISHOP'S son has written a 20th-century version of the medieval mystery plays in which Jesus is a homeless beggar, St Peter is a mugger who swears repeatedly. Mary Magdalen is a prostitute and. St Matthew is a commodities broker who lives in Kensing-

Edward Kemp, 32, son of the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Eric Kemp, has deleted the devil from The Mysteries, to be performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican next month. He has also taken out all the anti-Jewish comments made by characters as they enact the trial and crucificion of Jesus, making it instead a work about conflicts between believ-

ers and unbelievers. Mr Kemp, 32, who describes himself as a devout atheist, has warned his father, a leading traditionalist who opposes the ordination of women priests, that his fivehour production is shot through with sex violence and swearing: "I pointed out to him that sex and violence is in the Bible anyway, and ex-plained why the swearing is in, and he seemed to understand. Last night Dr Kemp said he was aware of the play,

but refused to comment.

His son, the youngest of five children and a former winner. of the Texaco oil company's most promising young play-wright award, has been working on The Mysteries for two years. After a successful run earlier this year with the RSC at Stratford, it was decided to rewrite the production, mak-

BY RICHARD DUCE

POLICE began removing floorboards and digging up

the garden of a house yesterday in their search for a 23-year-old mother of four who vanished three days before

Christmas. Vincent Shilton, the boyfriend of Liza Blunt, who has not been seen since

interviewed.

December 22, was being

Mr Shilton, 29, went to

police to report his girlfriend

missing and told them she had

failed to return from a trip to

buy her children presents in

Nottingham. Yesterday the

the major crime unit and a

superintendent put in charge.

Shilton made a tearful public

appeal for his girlfriend to get

in touch. He said that on the

day she disappeared he gave

her £50 and she left their

house in Bestwood Park, Nottingham, at around 10am to

Earlier this week Mr

investigation was referred to

There is no part for the devil, but

one of the apostles

is a commodity

broker, reports

Ruth Gledhill

ing the character of Jesus less "prissy". The setting was changed from the Middle East

to modern London. Mr Kemp, a former cathedral chorister, said: "We have cut the devil. And there is no nonsense about fallen angels and people dressing up as

snakes with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden." He described how, in one scene, titled The King's Sin. King David initiates a relationship with Bathsheba which is tantamount to rape. In the New Testament, Peter is still a fisherman, but is down on his back, swears constantly and meets Jesus when he tries to mug him to pay for medical

treatment for his wife. The hiblical character of the tax collector becomes Matthew, a wealthy commodities broker from Kensington who goes on to write a false account of Jesus's life. The homeless Jesus meets him when he sleeps on his doorstep. He. meets Mary Magdalene in a late-night bar, where she is

entertaining a client. Mr Kemp said: "Jesus lives

Police dig up garden

in search for mother

Liza Blunt last seen

Christmas shopping

catch a bus to the city centre.

He said he had waited until later that evening before alert-

ing police because he thought

she might have stayed until

Police describe Miss Blunt

the shops closed at 8.30pm.

without money, without a house, without a change of suit. In the play he will look like someone who lives on the noney he can ger from people.

The message of the piece is simple, that we are all respons sible for each other and the planet. We are trying to put the audience in a place where, then they leave the theatre they will not know whether the next person who comes up to them - whether that person is an usher, beggar or waiter

He told the Jewish Chronicle that he had removed anti-Jewish references because they had seemed "awfully insulting. In the medieval plays, there are a number of Jewish characters who rejoice in the fact that they kill Jesus. That was the first stuff that

He described the play as "grim, dark and nasty", but profoundly optimistic at the end. Although he no longer describes himself as Christian, he said he was fascinated by faith. I am very happy for other people to believe in God," he said. "He just isn't

Mystery plays, a medieval phenomenon based on the stories of the Bible and the eucharistic liturgy, fell into decline after the 16th century. They have recently experienced a resurgence, thanks largely to the success of the Oberammergau passion play. enacted every ten years in

Upper Bavaria.
The Mysteries opens in mid-January and will run until

four children — Jade, five

Dale, three, Daniel, two. and

five-month-old Kylie, her child by Mr Shilton. Mr Shilton, her partner for two years,

went to Ox Close Lane police

The couple's three-bedroom

house was cordoned off yester-

day while officers conducted forensic tests. The children

were being cared for by

Mr Shilton said earlier this

week: "We just want her

home. Christmas has been

He added: "I'm really wor-

ried about her. I just want her

to get in touch and let us know

she is all right. I've been

everywhere looking for her

and will continue driving

round, trying to spot her.

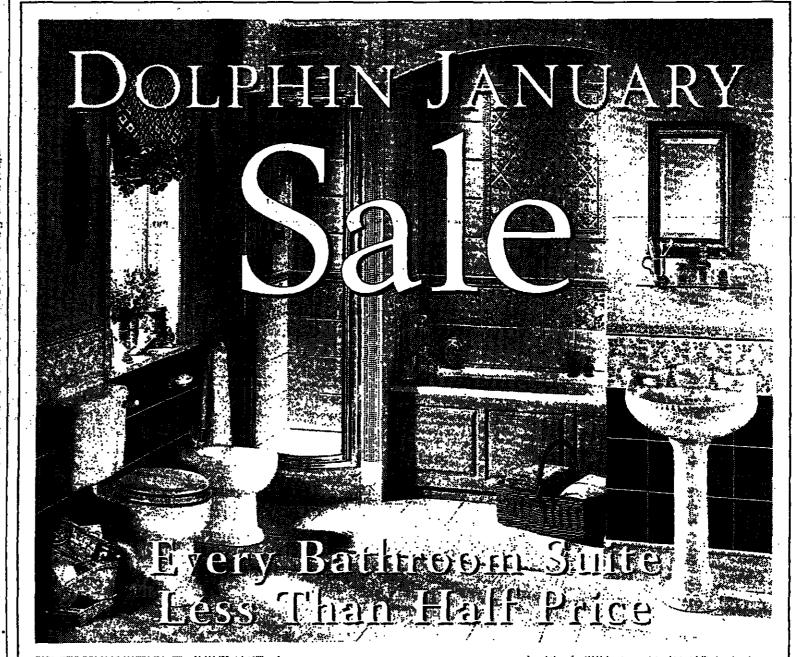
Otherwise the kids and I just

sit by the phone. There's no

explanation for her disappear-

desperate for her to get in

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# Lost in the passage of time



Andrew Cotterell outside 18th-century Southill House with his wife

## Simon de Bruxelles reports on a mystery

#### that begins underneath a country house

THE secrets of a Somerset country house have turned into an Enid Blyton adventure for the new owner and his children. A series of clues have led to a mysterious network of tunnels, and no one knows where they lead.

The first clue for Andrew Cotterell and his wife Tracey was the long-forgotten memoir of a 19th century servant, Edwin Cox, whose recollections of life at Southill House included being sent down to explore a tunnel uncovered by workmen when he was nine.

As the Cotterells wondered where the tunnels might be, a cow grazing in the field beyond their croquet lawn stum-bled across a previously unknown passageway when it caved in. It leads from a sealed entrance in the cellar.

Now the underground maze is fascinating historians, the Cotterells and their sons, aged seven, five and three. Mr Cotterell said: "Whenever their friends come round, they head straight for the cellars to explore. As far as they are concerned, it's like something out of an Enid

Blyton adventure. The £1.2 million mansion, built in the 18th century, stands in ten acres of grounds on an estate between Frome and Shepton Mallet. It was earlier the country seat of a family linked with the Duke of Monmouth, who tried to claim the throne in 1685. This holds out the possibility that the tunnels were used as escape passages. Their origihave been medieval culverts or for stor-

Mr Cotterell, who runs a computer company, bought the 15-bedroom mansion two years ago. He was aware of two winding tunnels leading off the vaulted cellars which appeared to be far older than the house, and there are signs of other passageways still to be found

The most recently discov-

ered passage has been resealed until it can be properly explored. Built of stone, it is about 5ft high with a floor of beaten earth, pitted with marks of dripping water. Mr Cotterell said: "A little way beyond where it caved in, the tunnel has been sealed with stone. Like the others, it appears to have been built prior to the main house.

There is evidence of medieval arched doorways and windows in the cellar of a much earlier style, and it's possible that the present property was built on the site of something far older. I intend to explore further, even if it means taking a sledge hammer to the obstruction." The estate was the country

seat of the Strodes, whose archives record that Southill was visited by Monmouth in the summer of 1685, after his return from exile. The rebellion of the illegitimate son of Charles II ended in bitter defeat, but initially he had received considerable support in the West Country, where, in a short time, he had raised an army of 7,000 men.

After Monmouth's execution, King James II exacted terrible revenge on the Duke's followers. He dispatched the notorious Judge Jeffreys, the



Monmouth: supporters

Hanging Judge, to oversee the Bloody Assizes. More than 250 people were hung, drawn and quartered. A further 850 were deported to forced labour on the plantations of the West Indies. The brutality of the reprisals left a lingering ment and led, indirectly, to the king's overthrow during the Glorious Revolution three years later.

Rumours persist that the tunnels under Southill were bolt holes for supporters\_of the Duke of Monmouth to flee through, but many Strode family papers have been lost and no record of the tunnels' original purpose remains. Southill's façade was rebuilt by the architect John Wood the Younger, responsible for some of the Georgian buildings in Bath, including the Royal Crescent. Little remains of the original property and there is no record of the site having been occupied before

the 17th century. Robin Bush, a Somerset historian and a member of Channel 4's Time Team, said: There is something in the British psyche which makes us fascinated by underground features, whether they exist or not. In most cases, ancient tunnels are nothing more exciting than medieval drains but these ones certainly sound like they warrant further investigation."

The Southill tunnels have caught the attention of historians from Frome, five miles away, who have been investigating their own warren of underground passages. There is evidence of passages under the town linking several older buildings, but their purpose is obscure. One local historian. David MacGregor, said: "Several people believe that they were medieval culverts but, as far as I am concerned, they are far too extensive for such a simple explanation. The labour and expense that went into them would have



# Servant boy feared ghost in tunnel

Southill House, and receive a mention in the unpublished "record book" of Edwin Charles Cox, the former servant. It appears that he was sent into the tunnel because others were

He wrote the memoir in his old age for his descendants, who now live in the United States and who gave a copy to a previous owner of the estate. Born in 1838, Cox recalled ten years he spent as a servant at the house. He began work at the age of seven, carrying vegetables in the kitchen gardens for sixpence a week.

Although there were numerous shostly stories associated with the house, he says that he was never afraid of the supernatural until the day an ancient vault was discovered

"I am not superstitious and was

unused room, cellar or unexplored vault when no one else would enter." he recalled, "Once, some labourers were excavating in the park about a quarter of a mile from the house when they came upon some brick work several feet below the surface which on opening proved to be a very

The old Baron [Southill's owner] was immediately sent for, but neither he nor anyone else could form any idea of what was down there. And no one could be found to satisfy their curiosity on the subject and good reason why.
"One of the old Barons had

committed suicide and, his spirit becoming troublesome, had been banished by 12 ciergymen and walled up in one of the vaults below the cellars. Anyway, no one could be

half crown overcame my fear. Together with a lighted candle, I started on

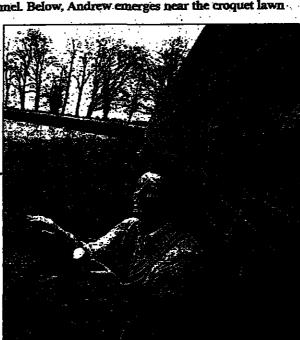
my voyage of discovery. The place was a passage large enough to drive a load of hay through, arched over the top and a clear stream of water ran through the centre. I started in the direction of the house, scrutinizing every object that lay in my road, not knowing but that I might fall into some hole or trap, but I found nothing of consequence excepting some old pieces of furniture and bottles, the like of which no one there had ever seen before.

"I kept along for what seemed to me an endless distance, until I was stopped by a massive stone wall and while trying to find an opening, I accidentally dropped my candle. Having no matches, I was left in total darkness. I was thoroughly fright-

persuaded down but the offer of a ened and the thought of the terrible tale referred to above by no means mended matters. I groped my way back by the wall to the opening where they were all waiting with the greatest anxiety, fearing something had be-

> The boy was sent back with a hammer to hit the wall while his employer listened in the cellars. "As soon as he was satisfied that it led to the cellars, he had it closed up without exploring the other end, and so I was the only person living who had been down in the vault, and I don't think it has ever been opened since."

> Cox records that two locals in their 70s told him that their fathers had talked about a secret tunnel leading from the house. He said: "It was supposed to have been used as a in the time of the old feudal wars."



#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Cancer deaths down over 10 years

Deaths from cancer fell over the past year to their lowest level for ten years, according to the Cancer Research Campaign. The fall is despite a corresponding rise in the number of people developing eaucer. Better treatments, detection and screening have helped in a fall of more than 5,000 deaths since the early 1990s, including reductions in lung cancer and breast cancer. However, skin and prostate cancer deaths remained causes for concern. John Toy, of the campaign, said: "Although it is too early to predict a consistent trend, these figures encouraging."

Everyman Appeal, page 6

#### Fall from flyover

A woman firefighter was in a serious condition in hospital yesterday after falling 50ft from a flyover while trying to rescue two victims of a road crash. Sarah Cotton, 30, was iving first aid to the trapped female passenger of a Blood Transfusion Service lorry on the fivover near Shoreham.

#### Rail alert cash

More than 1,000 people forced from their homes for two days because of a chemical alert have been offered £50 compensation by freight train operators. An inquiry has begun into the derail ment at Cadoxton, South Wales, on Saturday of a wagon containing 60 tonnes of inflammable material.

#### Mixed schools

Seven out of ten parents want a mixed school for their children, according to an NOP survey of 1,000 people for Bella magazine. However, 9 per cent of parents in Yorkshire and Scotland favoured single sex schools, compared with almost 25 per cent of parents in East Anglia, the South and the South-East.

#### Burglars alarmed

Burglars dialled 999 after becoming trapped in a flat in Bradford they were trying to rob. Firemen rescued one trapped on a first-floor window ledge while colleagues pattered down the front door. Three men pushed past just before the police arrived. the flat was unoccupied.

#### Lifeboat rescues

More than half of all lifeboat reserves in 1997 were of people in pleasure craft or windsurfers. An average of three people were rescued each day, according to figures from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. A survey of sea users showed that one in five did not check the weather forecast before they set sail.

#### Grave mystery

Archaeologists are trying to find out why some of the graves found at a Saxon dig in Southampton point the wrong way. Four are Christian burials, aligned east to west. But another is the opposite way round and a sixth faces north. One theory is that they are earlier pagan

#### Stylish serpent

A man found a 2ft snake in his jumper. Mike Doran, 40, a hospital cleaner, from Wythenshawe, Greater Manester, was rescued by his partner Dianne Palin, 36. who trapped it in a bucket and called the police. They returned the harmless Florida king snake, called Sally, to

# If you really want to go to hell, take the M25

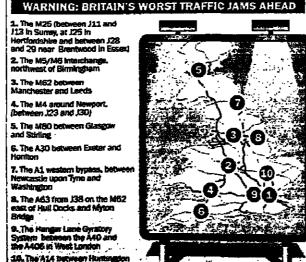
By RICHARD DUCE

SURVEY of traffic blackspots will raise few eyebrows among frustrated drivers whose route takes in the M25. London's orbital "relief" road is now officially the most congested in Britain. Three stretches of the M25.

opened by Margaret Thatcher in 1986, head a list of "roads to heli" from a Road Haulage Association survey of its members, followed by the M5-M6 interchange northwest of Birmingham. Steven Norris. Conservative Transport Minister and now director-general of the associ-

ation, said yesterday that the list showed investment in the national road network was desperately needed. Mr Norris said: "As an

organisation we are all for the 'greening' of transport, with more freight on to rail and more car users turning to public transport. But the inescapable fact is that, if we are to move towards an environmentally sustainable and economically competitive transport system, we have got to put investment into the road network." He added that the



been the first to bear the brunt of cuts when money had to be found for other government spending plans.

Confederation of British Industry estimates put the annual cost of traffic jams, in lost

time, wasted fuel and increased pollution, at £15 billion a year, Mr Norris said. Increased traffic, particularly on the M62 and M80, was the result of an improving economy in the North and Scotland.

# Uninvited party guests put detectives back in uniform

TWO more officers have been transferred from the "zero tolerance, police unit at the centre of a corruption inquiry for allegedly taking suspended officers under investigation to the Middlesbrough ČID Christmas party.

The two detective constables have been returned to uniform duties with the Cleveland force. Detective Constables Lou Matthews and Ben Houchen have denied they invited the officers to the party in contravention of a order from their district commander, Chief Superintendent Graham Maxwell.

His latest action brings to seven the number of Middles-

brough CID officers either suspended or moved back to uniform since the force launched Operation Lancet to investigate allegations of drugs for confessions and other corrupt practices.

The first to go were Deter-tive Constables Brendan Whitehead and Sean Allen, suspended after claims that they supplied heroin to a prisoner in exchange for con-fessions. Andy Shepherd. DC was also

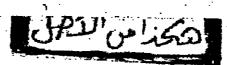
Detective Superintendent Ray Mallon, the head of CID and pioneer of the "zero tolerance" policy, was then suspended, accused of leaking information to the media and "alleged activity which could be construed as criminal. He strenuously denies the allegations. Earlier this month his right-hand man, Detective Sergeant John McPherson. was put back on the beat in the neighbouring division of

When DCs Whitehead, Allen and Shepherd turned up at the Christmas party in the Potter's Bar disco in Middlesbrough last week, Mr Max-

well, who was also there, was reported to be furious. He had issued specific instructions that none of the suspended officers should attend. The party was attended by

more than 80 people; including Detective Superitendent Adrian Roberts, Mr Mallon's temporary repleement, and CID, uniform and civilian staff. One guest, who did not want to be named, said: When the three officers turned up they were well received. However, Maxwell and Roberts looked stoney faced. They weren't very

The two officers were called to a face-to-face meeting with Mr Maxwell the next day and told they were back in uniform. Yesterday a police spokesman confirmed that Matthews and Houchen had



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# Diana memorial could be £10m garden



The floral shrine to the Princess created by mourners

From over 7,000 proposals, a

floral tribute emerges as the

favourite way to remember,

reports Michael Horsnell

brance outside the Princess of Wales's Kensington Palace home. with highly scented plants for the blind, poetry readings, fountains and pools, emerged yesterday as the most likely monument to her.

A detailed proposal has been put by David Welch, chief executive of the Royal Parks Agency, to the committee set up by the Chancellor to devise a permanent memorial. The Princess of Wales Memorial Committee will meet early next

acre site within Kensington Gardens is widely considered the best huge impromptu shrine in the days after her death four months ago

The landscape architects Colvin and Moggridge of Faringdon, Oxfordshire, have been asked by the Royal Parks Agency to prepare a "design concept" embodying Mr Welch's proposals which would cater for five million visitors a year. Where the money for the memo-

rial, and estimated annual running

costs of £75,000, will come from

remains uncertain. But the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. charitable body, will be asked to provide support.

Mr Welch, whose agency manages the eight royal parks around London, said in his report to the committee that since the Princess's death the area south of Kensington Palace, which she often used, had been visited by tens of thousands of people. "We believe the gardens will remain a focal point for visitors

whole proposal would produce a new national asset, hugely increase public advantage from an existing one, be thoroughly well used and valuable, and be generally es-teemed by the public."

His proposals include longer opening hours with the help of subtle lighting to create a moonlit effect, perhaps by extending the gas lighting used in Hyde Park.

The spiked railings, some of which had to be taken out before the funeral to allow safe movement the whole length of West Carriage Drive on the boundary of the

The new flower garden in front of the palace would be planted with herbs, roses and flowering shrubs and dotted with fountains, ponds. and statues. The soil would be enriched by the compost made from the millions of flowers laid in the royal parks in honour of the

Mr Welch adds: "Its design and planting could convey a sense of joyfulness and if this was done, it

of many visitors and provide a fitting climax to the pilgrims' way that is already establishing itself along the route of the funeral

Evening readings, perhaps com-missioned through the Poetry Society, and art exhibitions would also add to the atmosphere. Other facilities would include a children's tributes might be left.

The garden site, straddling Dial Walk, where mourners laid flowers after the Princess's death, has become a trampled tract of grass. The original, elaborate pattern gardens of William and Mary were modified by Queen Anne and eventually removed before being returned to grassland in the 18th

To keep down costs, shrubs roses and perennials would be preferred to annual flowers, and mulches would be used to curb weeds. In keeping with the Princess's devotion to the disadvantaged, full access would be provid-ed for people with disabilities and there would be many scented plants for the blind.

# Police hope to jog revellers' memories a year after murder

By DANIEL McGrory

ALONG every step of the route which Nicola Dixon followed last New Year's Eve there will be posters of the attractive 17-year-old A-level student reminding revellers that her killer has not been caught. Her family fear that, a year on, he never will be.

Nicola had set out to walk the half a mile from a hospital social club to a party to meet friends when she was sexually assaulted and bludgeoned to death by the parish church in Sutton Coldfield.

Detectives admit that, despite a £23,000 reward, televised reconstructions, emo-tional appeals from Nicola's parents and a year-long inquiry that has taken nearly a thousand DNA samples, they are baffled as to who killed the student they call "the perfect

daughter".

Detective Chief Inspector Kelvin Roberts, who still leads the inquiry, said: "We don't want to scare women into thinking this man will choose New Year's Eve again, but some woman — his wife, mother or girlfriend — must

The poster campaign in this prosperous Birmingham suburb is a last appeal to partygoers who, police believe, a year ago must have heard



Nicola Dixon: hit and sexually assaulted

Nicola's cries as she was dragged from an alleyway into the garden of a deserted

They are to investigate a number of men working abroad who they know were in Sutton Coldfield for last year's holidays. But the belief is that Nicola's killer was a local.

Her mother. Rita, said: "New year is no longer something to look forward to. Nicola was probably attacked at about 10 o'clock on New Year's Eve. While most people are celebrating, we will be enduring an awful vigil while we wait for 10 to strike." Police will be asking revel-

lers for any information they have. Mr Roberts said: "I find hard to believe that somebody doesn't know."

They are aware of the unease in the community, with women reluctant to walk alone after dark. Neighbours remain convinced that the killer knew that the town's rector had moved just three days before the murder from the house which runs alongside Trinity Hill, a dimly lit but popular short cut.

Walburga Burrell, whose flat is near the alleyway, said: Women won't walk there at nights now as the man must have picked the one place around here where he knew he

could not be seen." Some witnesses remember seeing a man, about 5ft 5in tall and in his early 20s, in a dark overcoat and Doc Marten boots, following a few yards behind Nicola as she slithered on snow-covered roads that

Police cannot be certain if she was stalked or whether her attacker was waiting behind the high wooden gates of the house on Trinity Hill. Nicola was hit about the head and face with what is thought to have been a brick and then sexually assaulted. Mr Roberts said: "We believe the whole attack was over in a matter of minutes.



A sapling being trained into the shape of a stool, tended by a Groundworks warden

# Long wait for a seat as garden grows furniture

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A NEW line in self-assembly furniture is taking shape in South Wales. It takes rather longer than even the most difficult DIY kit — a chair can take six years - but that is because the furniture is

assembling itself. Saplings have been planted to grow into the right shape along plywood frames, with joints forming where the shoots fuse together. The furniture garden is the idea of Christopher Cattle. a lecturer in furniture design, who says: "Anyone with a little skill and patience could produce more or less what they want in their own back

garden." Mr Cattle, 62, who teaches at Buckinghamshire University College, has planted three rows of chairs and tables as part of a PhD in furniture design with the Royal College of Art. The Groundworks Foundation, which encourages commun-

interests as well as the sports

fishermen and tourist people

and agree on how to protect

the whales who do, after all,

provide many livelihoods in

Orca held in captivity fits in with the foundation's princi-

pal aim of creating the most

natural habitat possible for

animals held in captivity or

having them responsibly re-leased back into the wild.

Whales which should be liv-

Negotiating the release of

the area.

ity enterprises in deprived areas, provided the land at Aberdare, as well as volunteer helpers. The first chair should be ready for picking at the end of next year.

The technique was once used by the ancient Greeks and Eygptians, and Mr Cattle says he has been approached by a manufacturer.
This is viable and environmentally friendly. You sit back for four years for a stool and six years for a chair."

#### Missing dome hits launch of Website

THE launch of the millennium Website was delayed yesterday as organisers tried to put the Millennium Dome back on the map of Britain.

The Internet pages, part of a £750,000 public relations blitz paid for by players of the National Lottery, had been expected to go live at 9.30am. But, after The Times disclosed that the map of projects receiving lottery money had excluded the £750 million festival in Greenwich, organisers had a

The Millennium Commission had hired the image consultants Lloyd Northover Citigate to tell the public that its lottery money was going to much more than just the yearlong exhibition at the dome site. The centrepiece of the Website was to be a map of the United Kingdom with orange squares marking the big capital projects being helped by the commission. But there was no mention of the dome.

A spokeswoman for the commission explained that the dome, which will receive £449 million from the lottery. was regarded as being in a different category. "It isn't a capital project as such," she said. "If people think it is significant, we are going to amend the map."

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#### Grumpy grocer bans all customers

SHOPKEEPER has banned all customers from inside his store because he believes they are too rude and

Sohan Singh locked the door of his grocery and off-licence and installed a serving hatch. Now customers of the Glenthorpe Stores in Burmantofts, Leeds, have to choose what they want through the shop window before ringing a bell to be

served through the hatch. Mr Singh, 49, said: "It is a small shop and somebody standing outside can see

everything we have to sell."

He said it was a final measure against unruly customers in an area of the west Yorkshire city known for its social problems. Mr Singh who has run his shop for 13 years, has aiready banned smokers, prams, pets and people who swear. He said he was prepared to suffer a drop in takings rather than admit "abusive" people.
"I am here to provide a

public service. I respect customers as long as they respect me and my family. If they abuse me, I do not serve them," he said. "I have done what I did because people were abusing the system by coming in smoking cigarettes or pushing prams. Now no-body is allowed in."

# Sound practice could help whales to live in peace and quiet

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IMAGINE having a motorcycle constantly revving up in the middle of your house; and perhaps a lawnmower and a power drill on the go. The effect is much the same as that being inflicted on the Orca whales who return year after year to Johnstone Strait, a narrow channel off British Columbia in Canada.

The Orca, known as killer whales, communicate acousneally. So when hundreds of motorised fishing boats, tourist boats and liners criss-cross their habitat, the noise can be devastating. Several whales have even been hit and injured by passing boats. The area off British Colum-

bia is one of the easiest places in the world to see Orca in

their natural habitat. The

whales are immensely socia-

ble creatures. They live in

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families which stay together constantly, throughout the year, almost never splitting up. Human interest in them is understandable but is making their lives a misery. OrcaLab, based in British

Columbia, is devoted to the study of the whales. Paul Spong and Helena Symonds run the centre, which tracks the whales off the coast and studies their language. In the past year, they have also provided the tourist boats with precise information on the whales' whereabouts with a daily 7am e-mail. This helps to lessen the frantic search which takes place every day

whales are in the area. As a next step, OrcaLab, with the help of the Born Free Foundation, one of the charities nominated this year by The Times for its Christmas

ing for well over 50 years in the wild have an average lifespan of five years when in Appeal, is trying to bring together all the water-users in captivity.

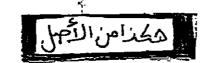
OrcaLab needs funds to

the area where the whales live maintain its projects tracking and studying the whales off British Columbia. The plan to and formulate a set of bestpractice rules to control establish rules for those using Kim Wood, who looks after the waters inhabited by the whales will require seed Orca for the foundation, says: "We want to be peacekeepers money of just a few thousand pounds to implement. on the water and bring together the logging and fishing Corky, an Orca who has

been a star attraction at Sea World in Florida for nearly 28 years, comes from a family under observation by Dr Spong and OrcaLab. "Her mother is still alive in the wild," says Kim Wood. "Corky has even retained her whale dialect. The first whale to get back into the wild would have a big price on its head in terms of tourist interest, but if done properly it would be by far the best thing for the whale."

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# Codebreaker names Bard's 'Fair Youth'

Shakespearean mystery may be solved, reports Nigel Hawkes

A RETIRED physicist believes he has solved a puzzle that has baffled Shakespearean scholars for generations.

The identity of Mr W.H., the "onlie begetter" of Shake-speare's sonnets, is hidden in the enigmatic dedication in the first printed edition of the poems, says Dr John Rollett. The dedication, awkwardly phrased and obscure in meaning, is a cipher containing the

name Henry Wriothesley.
Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of
Southampton, was known to
have been a patron of Shakespeare, who dedicated two narrative poems to him. The fact that his name can be found concealed in the letters of the dedication leaves "not much room for doubt" in Dr Rollett's mind that Wriothesley was also the inspiration

for the sonnets. They were published in 1609 by Thomas Thorpe, described by the Dictionary of National Bibliography as "disreputable and half-educated". He obtained them from an unknown source - not Shakespeare and is assumed to have written the dedication, since it ends with the initials T.T. The sonnets were written much earlier, in about 1594, whenthe poet was 30 and Wriothesley was 21.

Many scholars have been struck by the awkwardness of Thorpe's dedication, since he is known to have been capable of more elegant prose. It occupies the second leaf of the

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John Rollett, who says the odds against the name Henry Wriothesley appearing by chance are one in 320 million

appear by chance. He calculates this in an appendix to his

paper. While many three or

four-letter words can be gener-

ated by arranging the letters

in different blocks, five-letter

words are very rare. He calculates the odds

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quarto edition, beginning To the onlie begetter of these insuing somets Mr W.H. all

appmesse..." In 1964 Leslie Hotson, a Shakespeare scholar, claimed to have identified the name William Hatliffe hidden in the dedication, but this idea is not now accepted. Inspired by Hotson's efforts, Dr Rollett wondered if the dedication

really did contain the secret. It contains many peculiarities, he says, from the way it is arranged to the curious spelling of "onlie", and the close conjunction of "wisheth" and well-wishing", where near-repetition could easily have been avoided by using a phrase such as well-disposed".

This made him wonder if it was a cipher. When he counted the letters, he found there were 144, a suspiciously round number which has many factors. This suggested the idea of laying out the letters as blocks -12 lines of 12 letters each to form a square, for example, or eight letters by 18.

Arranged in a rectangle of nine rows, each of 16 letters, the name Henry appears, running diagonally down-wards. And when the letters are arranged as a block of eight by 18, the name Wriotheseley can be teased out although it is broken up into three separate sections, "Wr",

"ioth", and "esley". Such a cipher is based on a technique first used by Spar-tan generals, who wound a strip of paper around a staff, than wrote the message end to end. The message cannot be read until the paper is wound around an identical staff by

Codes were widely used in Elizabethan times, and John Dee, a scholar and astrologer of the day, describes a cipher based on writing out a text in the form of a block, as Dr Rollett has done. Thorpe could well have been aware of this

Dr Rollett's decoding will appear in the next issue of *Elizabethan Review,* a literary and historical journal published in the US. Whether it will be accepted by scholars depends on how plausible it is that the names Henry and sections of Wriothesley would

# Teacher quits in protest at £1,500 Christmas party

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE deputy head of a primary school has resigned in protest at the amount of noney spent on the staff Christmas party. Steve Wilon quit Reay Primary School in Brixton, south London, after about 30 staff enjoyed a £1,500 night out, including dinner and a trip to the West End show Chicago. more than £500 of the grant-maintained school's budget should have been spent and have launched an inquiry. They will meet next term to decide whether Peter Charan, the head teacher,

Tony Andrews, the chairman of governors, said yesterday that Mr Williamson would serve his notice during the spring term. "He has resigned and we accepted his resignation. His letter prompted us to look into this

repay the remaining

further," said Mr Andrews. He added: "We think an element of team-building and morale-boosting for the staff was too high. The governors it is public money. The staff are excellent and deserve to be rewarded. The basic idea was a thank-you to an excel-lent group of staff. If we were to add up all the extra hours money spent on the Christ-mas outing. But we have to

The 210-pupil school has an annual budget of £707,761.
Mr Charan justified the bill by saying it was normal for all schools to go out for a Christmas meal, but refused to comment further.

One teacher, who did no wish to be named, said: "This is obviously a mess. We are only a small school without much money and the cash would have been better spent on books or something else.

There is no suggestion of financial impropriety and the money was spent as a goodwill gesture. But at a time when the school is struggling to look bad that all this

Agency for Schools, which allocates money to



A famous miniature by Nicholas Hilliard is thought by some to represent the "Fair Youth" of the sonnets, because the brambles are said to form the letters "WH"

# Britain plans to turn off TV porn channel

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

A BANNING order is to be sought by Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, against a Frenchbased pornographic television channel beamed into Britain by satellite.

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In October the Independent Television Commission (ITC) decided that Eurotica Rendez-Vous was an "unsuitable" channel under broadcasting rules and recommended that Mr Smith seek the order, which bans the marketing and sale of the service in Britain.

The ITC said that the output of the channel - a reconstructed version of an earlier banned channel called Rendez-Vous -- consisted "almost exclusively of unacceptpornography". channel is being marketed in Britain through advertise-ments in satellite magazines and dealers offering decoders and smart cards.

The commission licenses a number of "soft porn" satellite channels, such as Playboy, which are available only by subscription. Such channels feature nudity and simulated sex. The ITC said yesterday that Eurotica Rendez-Vous showed explicit sexual acis which it judges pornographic.
The secretary of state has

viewed the tape of Eurotical and agrees with the ITC's judgment," the Department of Culture said yesterday. Mr Smith plans on Monday

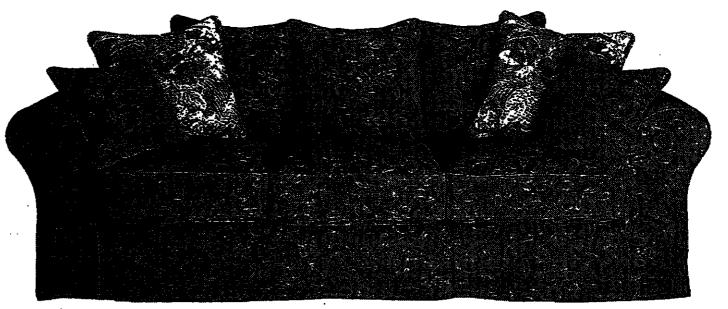
to notify Eurotica, the French Government and the European Commission of his intention to proscribe the channel. The Government is using a clause of the EU Broadcasting Directive which allows mem-ber states to act against types

of programmes "which might seriously impair the physical. mental or moral development of minors".

□ Britain's first homosexual

television channel, Gay TV. is to be launched on January o. The satellite subscription channel, which promises "the very raunchiest in gay entertainment, will be broadcast each day from 4am to 5.30am.

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Knight Grand Cross of the British Empire for services to the arts and heritage. "It's very al Fund and me," he said. "it's it is the same award that my father got. He received his for being head of the government think-tank. He started the lottery with his Royal Commission on Gambling, so there's a nice symmetry to it." Annette Crosbie. 63, the

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**EXCITEMENT** was tinged

with disappointment for Deb

orah Kerr, the 76-year-old

screen legend, at the news of

her appointment as CBE.

Speaking from her home in

Switzerland, the frail actress

said that she would be unable

to travel to Buckingham Pal-

"I won't be able to come,

unfortunately. I am not up to

making long trips at the moment," said the Scottish-

born actress, who is best

remembered for rolling in the

surf with Burt Lancaster in

From Here To Eternity and as

Yul Brynner's co-star in The

King And I. Miss Kerr, whose other

leading men included Frank

Sinatra and Robert Mitchum,

said that she was "slightly

stunned" by the honour, add-

ing: "I didn't think I would

ever gain it."
Lord Rethechild, chairman

of the National Heritage Me-

morial Fund, receives a

ace to receive the insignia.

Spotlight on stars from Wombles to **Eternity** actress best known for her role as Victor Meldrew's wife in Murder On The Orient Express and whose music ranges

The racehorse trainer Jenny Pitman, who is appointed an OBE, with her favourite horse Garrison Savannah,

now retired, yesterday. Mrs Pitman, 51, is the only woman to have trained a Grand National winner

the BBC's One Foot In The Grave, is appointed an OBE. She was preparing to go on stage with Maggie Smith at the Haymarket Theatre in London in Edward Albee's A Delicate Balance yesterday afternoon. "I find the whole thing completely baffling," she said. "I find the term 'services to acting a bit quaint."

Michael Gambon, whose performances in The Singing Detective and Uncle Vanya ly commanding", receives a also very nice for the National knighthood, and Alan How-Gallery, which I chaired for ard, the nephew of the film six years. It has a nice star Leslie Howard, becomes a sentimentality for me because CBE. Mr Howard, who has been compared to Sir Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi, said: "I was very thrilled." But when the letter of notification arrives, he said, "You always think they ve got the wrong person or it's a joke."

Richard Rodney Bennett,

closed earlier this year. The disc jockey Alan "Fluff"

from jazz piano to orchestral atonalism, receives a knighthood. He said from his home in America that he was surprised because he had lived out of Britain for 17 years.

Petula Clark, 63, the singer, is appointed a CBE Between 1954 and 1972 she had eight No I singles and is probably best known for Down Town. She performed the lead role of Norma Desmond in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sunset Boulevard in the West End until it

Freeman, 70, becomes an MBE. "It's like Cinderella through the looking glass," he said, rather opaquely. "Mr Blair is obviously a music man and maybe he listened to my show as a lad. Perhaps he was one of my pop-pickers." Freeman will be back at his turntables for his Sunday



baffled by her honour

afternoon slot on Radio 2.

Elisabeth Beresford, who created the children's puppet characters The Wombles, is appointed an MBE. She is in her seventies — she declines to give her exact age on the ground that it might prejudice people from employing her and lives on Alderney in the Channel Islands. "F suppose I've been awarded it for a lifetime of making children laugh," she said. Further CBE appointments

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are the art dealer Annely Juda, 83, who fled Nazi persecution in Germany in 1944 and founded a gallery in Britain: Gwynne Howell, the operatic bass singer; and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, the Booker prizewinner and scriptwriter for such films as Heat And Dust and A Room With A View. Another CBE is David Lodge, the novelist and former Professor of English literature at Birmingham University, for services to literature.

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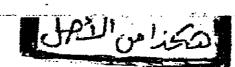
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# People's reward for funeral driver

By Andrew Pierce, Michael Evans and Adam Fresco

THE unsung men and women who played key roles in the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales have received personal recognition from the Queen and Prime Minister in the New Year Honours today. Everyone from the chauffeur who drove the hearse to the civil servant responsible for the overseas guest-list, has been included. Sidney Clarke, 60, chauf-feur with Leverton Undertak-

ers, who drove the car on its 76-mile journey from West-Medal (Silver). The four-hour trip to North-

amptonshire was marked by the recall came. extraordinary scenes as thousands of people scattered flowers in the path of the hearse. Mr Clarke had to use his windscreen wipers to clear the cascading blooms and was forced to stop to allow flowers to be removed. He said last night: I have

never encountered anything like that day. What amazed me was the silence. There were so many people just yards from the car but they were so quiet."

Warrant Officer Paul Cunliffe. 38, of the Welsh Guards, who led the drilling bey, who directed the music

and training of the pallbearers. Sergeant Damian Gascoyne, 29, of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, who rode at the front of the gun carriage party, and Flight Sergeant Gary Bennett, 37, led the coffin bearer party when the body of the Princess was flown from Paris to RAF Northolt, are all appointed MBEs.

Warrant Officer 2 Cunliffe. who joined the Army in 1978, had three days to select his team of pallbearers from the minster Abbey to Althorp, is Prince of Wales's Company, awarded a Royal, Victorian, Ist Battalion Welsh Guards. They were on an operational tour in South Armagh when

> Michael Gibbins, 54, the Princess's most senior aide, is appointed an LVO - Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order. He was an important link between the Spencer household and Buckingham Palace over the funeral plans. Mr Gibbins, a former City accountant, took over the running of the Princess's private office in 1996. He is treasurer of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. Martin Neary, 57, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Ab

at the funeral service, is also appointed an LVO Superintendent Philip Vickers, of Northamptonshire Police. who supervised the

security operations at Althorp, has been appointed an MBE. Mr Vickers, 49, who retired from the police this month after 30 years of service, said: "It is an extraordinary way to go out." Christopher Dawes, the civ-

il servant at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, who led the team on the preparation of the route, is appointed an OBE. Walter Ross, 56, Chief Of-

ficer of the Royal Parks Constabulary, which policed Kensington Gardens, is anpointed an OBE. He took the decision to open the park throughout the night. Inspector Edward Ashwell, 51, of the Metropolitan Police, who ran the operations office in central London, is appointed an MBE. Stephanie Bee, 30, Desk Officer at the Foreign Office who co-ordinated the. invitations, and arrivals of overseas dignitaries, is appointed an MBE. ☐ Sir Robert Fellowes, 56, the

Queen's Private Secretary, is appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. | ER Missick, public serv, Turks and

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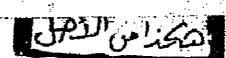
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# Nile town counts cost of massacre

Michael Binyon reports from Luxor how visitors are being promised bargain prices. Photographs by Chris Harris

THE vast floating hotels are new Mayor, a no-nonsense moored silently along the Nile bank. The linen sails of the picturesque faluccas flap in the breeze but no one is taking photographs and no tures out for a sail.

Abed el-Naser sat. dejected. in the warm December sun ourside his floating papyrus museum, no longer bothering to entice in the occasional European. There is no one coming. They are all frightened. Most of us will be ruined," he said.

A mile away, flanking the massive portals of the temple of Luxor, the inscrutable pharaonic statues stand as they have for 4,000 years. But there are no Germans clustered around their pedestals, no groups of British package holi-

daymakers listening to the **6** Everyone of history of ancient Thebes, no us is insulted Swiss or Japaby these men nese with their cameras, sunwho came hats and curiosity to explore from outside to kill 9 crative tourist attraction. The massacre of 58

Hatshepsut on November 17 has devastated the £2 billion Egyptian tourism industry. Nowhere has the damage been as great, or the psychological shock so profound, as at Luxor.

The small, close-knit city, far up the Nile in Upper Egypt, was considered immune from the politics of Islamic fanaticism. "No one expected anything here," the guides said. "We all know each other. Everyone here is very angry. We are still tribal in Upper Egypt, and we follow the tribal rules of hospitality. The tourists are our guests. Everyone of us is insulted by these men who came from outside to do this."

Complacency was the culprit. It took the police almost 90 minutes to arrive on the scene after the six gunmen had begun firing. It was the locals who tried to help, pursu-ing the bus hijacked by the killers with sticks, staves and stones. The bus driver, who another tourist site until he was wounded by the enraged gunmen, is a local hero.

'We have learnt the lesson."

army man drafted in to improve security and help Luxor to get back on its feet. The city has been ringed

with troops far out in the desert, on watch for infiltrators. At the main tourist sites, police armed with machineguns sit at the entrances. But, however much the local people argue that Luxor is safer than Florida or New York, tourist companies have taken fright. The British were by far the largest group of visitors, and they have disappeared. "Why is Thomson not send-

ing people?" the hoteliers asked, invoking each time the company that is the lifeblood for the city. They also hint that the British Government is forbidding Britons to go to Egypt:

certainly the Foreign Office advice, with its warning of Is-lamic fanaticism, has made insurance cover more difficult. Cairo has come to the fown's aid. It has postponed all tax collection for six months

tourists, including six Britons.
at the Temple of Queen to fill the empty beds with to fill the empty beds with Egyptians - students, teachers, civil servants and all those who would benefit from knowing their country's history.

The occasional Western visitor is delighted by the chance to wander in solitude among the pillars of Karnak or marvel at the hieroglyphics and depictions of rites millennia ago. "Of course I'm not worried," a New Zealander remarked as she hurried across to the empty temple. "I wouldn't be here if I was."

Those seeking a bargain should go now. Rarely has Luxor been more accessible or more welcoming. Two decades of tourism have inculcated in the local people a love for the ancient pharaohs.

In the near-empty cafes, there is anger at corruption. nepotism and the perception that Cairo has always looked down on Upper Egypt. But no one shows anything but con-tempt for the Islamists. "You are safe with us," the guides

and guards tell tourists. Luxor would be invincible. "Welcome," the police say every hundred yards. "You are welcome in Egypt." More than



A woman from the University of Luxor cleaning hieroglyphics and depictions at Karnak temple

## Millennial cheer for champagne sales

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

SALES of champagne have broken all records this year as anxious buyers stockpile botties for the millennium — and Britain is one of the biggest overseas customers.

More than 270 million bottles were sold in 1997 with exports reaching 100 million bottles for the first time, the French business daily Les Echos reported. "At the moment we are witnessing precautionary buying and this situation will become even more apparent next year." Yves Benard, president of the

Union of Champagne Houses, said. Stocks have never been higher, standing at about one billion bottles, most of it tucked away in cell..., cut into the chalky stone below the towns of Reims and Epernay.

This figure will be augmented by the annual crop of 250 million bottles.

As world demand is only 246 million bottles, even those who leave their champagne purchases until closing time on Hogmanay 1999 need not fear any shortage of nonvintage and even vintage champagnes to choose from.

In Britain sales have risen by two million bottles to 8.3 million bottles in the past two

Despite such assurances, the millennium is still expected to increase sales of festive bubbly by 60 million bottles between now and 2000. The signs of strongest growth have been outside the European Union, where sales were up by 14 per cent compared



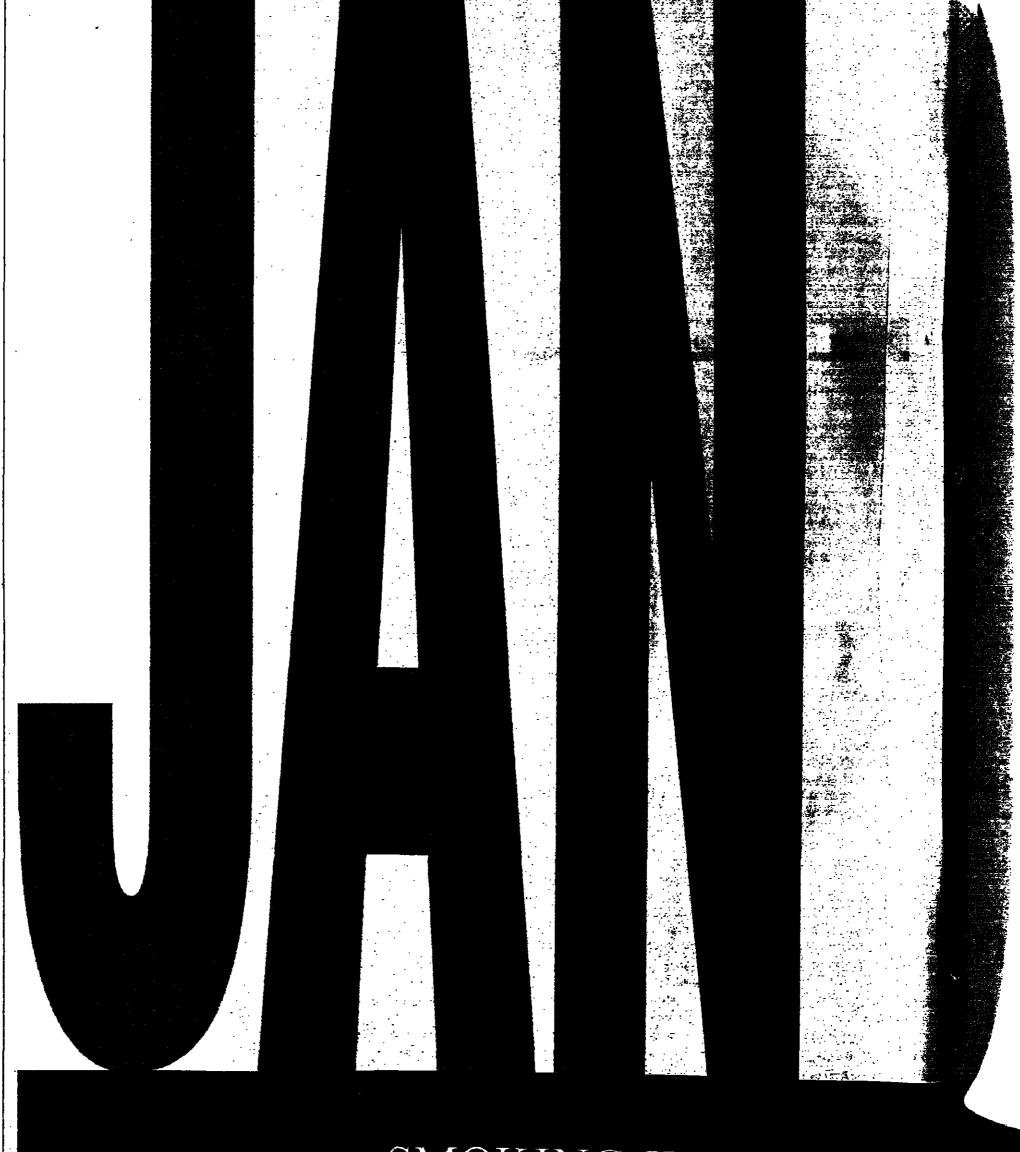
Boats and floating hotels lie idle on the Nile at Luxor as tourists stay away from the site of Egypt's pharaonic to

# World numbers growth 'slowing'

growth is declining globalbut remains high in those countries "least able to support their growing millions", according to a study released yesterday. The Population Institute

said: Rapid population growth in the poorest countries remains the most pressing global demographic problem. Its 1997 World Population Overview compared the slower rise in population to a tidal wave. "Whether 80ft or 100ft high, the impact will be similar."

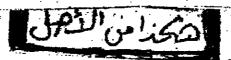
Over the next few years. the annual number of births worldwide would be at least 132 million. The institute added that nearly 98 per cent of the annual population increase occurs in less developed regions. The overall decline in growth was attributed to widespread acceptance of family planning, delayed marriages and increasing death rates. (AFP)



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Kenya unrest feared after chaos at polls

day of renewed unrest, with the Government and the opposition crying foul after chaotic general

President Moi said in a radio broadcast that the election was rigged by his opponents. The claim was made as ballots were still being counted after electoral maynem forced a second day of voting

The 73-year-old Presider, and his Kanu party have been widely tipped to win the elections. But state-owned KBC radio broadcast a bulletin in which President Moi accused the Electoral Commission of being involved in "an obvious scheme to rig the general elections in favour of the opposition".

The radio added: "President Moi said it was absurd that, since the start of voting [on Monday], the Electoral Commission had targeted Kanu's traditional strongholds." Ir quoted Mr Moi as saying that in some Kanu areas the commission had made sure there was a shortage of ballot papers.

Opposition parties are also dismissing the elections as fraudulent. They are blaming Kanu for purposely orchestrating the confusion in which ballot papers were delivered late, to the wrong places and, Government and

opposition are crying electoral foul, David Orr

in some cases, not at all. Salina, the party of Richard Leakey, the con-servationist, has called for mass action in the new year if President Moi and Kanu win the elections.

reports in Nairobi

The Social Democratic Party of Charity Ngilu, a presidential chal-lenger, has said that the elections should be annulled because of rigging by Kanu. There are fears that if opposition supporters take to the streets there could be a repeat of the violence when security forces crushed demonstrations in Nairobi in the summer.

"The elections are emerging as a fantastic farce", said members of the National Convention Executive Council (NCEC), a pro-democracy reform lobby with strong opposition links. "Pretended inefficiency and staggering fraud have irreparably marred the 1997 attempt to

hold an election. [They are] an insult to the Kenyan people. The NCEC urged Kenyans yesterday to "reject the flawed elections" and called on Mr Moi to form a government of national unity. The organisation, which led last summer's suppressed pro-democracy demonstrations, has appealed for calm "at this hour of national tragedy".
Professor Kivutha Kibwana, the

NCEC chairman, said yesterday: The manner in which the elections have been conducted so far precludes anyone other than Moi from winning." A few minutes after the NCEC press conference, senior Kanu officials were also alleging skulduggery. Echoing the words of his leader, Jeremiah Nyagah accused "... Electoral Commission of trying to "frustrate an otherwise assured [Kanu] victory. Ballot papers were either missing or less than required in areas that support Kamı. İt is obvious these events were not accidental."

His statements to journalists gave rise to suspicions that President Moi and Kanu may be preparing the ground for defeat if the results, expected by the end of the week, go against them.

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A soldier guards hundreds of full ballot boxes in Nairobi City Hall yesterday before counting got under way

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#### Chicken flu hunt extended to China

By James Pringle

THE World Health Organisation confirmed yesterday that health experts would visit China next month to search for a possible source of the deadly avian flu virus.

The announcement came as unofficial reports from China's Guangdong province bor-dering Hong Kong said that one person had died from the illness there.

Tang Guoqiang, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the Agriculture Ministry had sent its own experts to Guangdong to investigate the epidemic, but that as of now, we have not received any reports of cases of avian flu".

There appears to be no killing of chickens in China, which Hong Kong officials say has been the epicentre of influenza outbreaks: 80 per cent of Hong Kong's chickens

come from the mainland. An Agriculture Ministry official said that the ministry would soon issue a notice urging the whole country, and coastal provinces in particular, to be alert to the avian flu, which most chicken-vendors in Beijing know little or nothing about.

In Beijing, Alan Schnur, a local WHO official, said the experts would visit Guangdong during the week starting January 12. He added that Chinese authorities were treating the scare "very seriously" and were engaged in surveillance work.

In Hong Kong, the slaugh-ter of 1.3 million chickens continued in an effort to combat the epidemic which has killed four out of the 13 people who are thought to have contracted the sickness. Areas where the birds had

been exterminated in Hong Kong's urban areas were being hosed down and disinfected. Empty chicken markets were unusually deserted and silent. The grisly business of killing has now moved into markets and smallholdings in the rural New Territories.

was striving to replace China as the main supplier of chick-ens to Hong Kong.

#### Nyerere offers jail exit for Kaunda

By RAY KENNEDY

KENNETH KAUNDA. the former Zambian President who has been in jail since Christmas Day, was yesterday offered freedom in return for a pledge to retire from active politics. Julius Nverere, the former

Tanzanian President, flew with the offer to the maximum security prison at Kambe after talks in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, with President Chiluba. Mr Nyerere flew to Lusaka on Monday to try to mediate on behalf of countries in the 11-member Southern African Development Community (SADC), to which Zambia belongs, who have expressed their concern.

Kenneth Kaunda and now I am off home. I have nothing more to say to the press," Mr Nverere told reporters.

But although some diplomats in Lusaka felt that Mr Nverere could clinch a deal, others said they believe that Dr Kaunda, 73, will not give way. One of his sons, Major Wezi Kaunda, said yesterday that his father, who has been on hunger strike since his arrest, has now been persuaded to drink some water and fruit juice.

He has been served with a 28-day detention order in connection with a failed coup attempt in October carried out by a group of junior army officers. An application in the Lusaka High Court for him to be released on bail is due to be resumed on Friday.



## Beijing tries to halt Singapore visit

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELLING

serious concern over a planned unofficial visit to Singapore by Lien Chan, the Taiwanese Vice-President, which it sees as a rebuff from an old ally.

The visit takes some of the gloss off Beijing's formal establishment of diplomatic re-lations with South Africa yesterday. President Mandela's Government signed a formal agreement with Chi-na, switching relations from Taiwan to the mainland. South Africa said it accepted that there was only one China. the People's Republic of

China. Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, who signed the agreement with his counterpart, Alfred Nzo, in Pre-toria, told Taiwan to give up

CHTNA yesterday expressed its rivalry with Beijing. "It is like Don Quixote's fight against the windmills."

Yet Taiwan has managed to save some face by announcing Mr Lien's "family holiday" in Singapore, during which it is said he will meet Singaporean leaders. Twentynine countries retain diplomatic links with Taiwan. "We are seriously con-

cerned about this news and have made representations to the Singapore side," Tang Guoqiang, the Chinese For-eign Ministry spokesman, said. "We hope the Singapore Government will, proceeding from the overall friendly interests of the two nations. solve this problem and avoid unnecessary interference or damage to bilateral rel-

Ex-nurse

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FROM TUNKL VARADARAJAN

A FORMER hospital nurse has been charged with mur-dering six elderly patients after a 33-month investigation into more than 100 puzzling

deaths in the intensive-care unit while he was on duty.

Orville Lynn Majors was

manning the ward while 130 patients died between May 1993 and March 1995. Only 17 other deaths happened during

that period at times when Mr

Majors was not on duty.

The deaths happened at the

Vermillion County Hospital,

north of Terre Haute, in

Indiana Mr Majors joined the staff in early 1993 and was sus-

pended in March 1995 for "en-

gaging in activities beyond his

authority". They included ad-

ministering drugs without a

Mr Majors, who is being held without bail in Vermil-

doctor's authorisation.

# Mutinous Brazilian prisoners kill inmate

From Gabriella Gamini in rio de janeiro

PRISON inmates holding 600 hostages in a Brazilian maximum-security jail and demanding a getaway vehicle were last night reported to have killed a fellow convict. Nilton dos Reis, convicted of

rape, was murdered in his cell and his body thrown out of one of the prison's windows. police reported.

Troops surrounded the So-rocaba jail, in São Paulo state, where a group of armed inmates have been holding the hostages, including at least 200 women and 230 children. since Sunday.

Most hostages, who yester day braved a third night in captivity in temperatures up to 43C (109F), are relatives and friends of some of the 869 prisoners in the jail, an institution equipped for only 500

inmates. They also include 17 prison guards, who according to released hostages, have been locked in a windowless cell with grenades ried to their feet. The standoff began when a riot broke out on Sunday evening, during a busy visit-ing hour. Police said the wife of an inmate had smuggled a suitcase full of machineguns. revolvers, knives and grenades into the jail for a group of II prisoners who planned to disguise themselves as women and escape.

Prison guards foiled this attempt and a 15-minute gun battle ensued, in which one woman and an inmate were killed. The prisoners then the poorly overpowered armed guards and took over the jail. Initially they released

Inmates on the roof of the Sorocaba jail threaten to hang a fellow prisoner yesterday as heavily armed Brazilian troops mass outside

woman, 11 babies and elderly or ailing relatives. Yesterday the ringleaders announced on loudspeakers from the prison rooftop that they would not free any more hostages until an armoured getaway vehicle was provided. Police said the group of prisoners leading the hostage-taking are members

of São Paulo's notorious drugs gangs. The authorities have pledged that they would make every effort to reach a negotiated settlement. They want to avoid a repeat of a similar incident, which ended in a bloodbath when soldiers stormed the Carandiru prison. also in São Paulo state, in

1992. One hundred and eleven prisoners were killed, and human rights organisations said that most had been shot in the head by São Paulo's notorious military police.

"We will not storm the Sorocaha jail until the last instance and want to avoid a greater tragedy, but we will also not allow the rioting inmates to use this as a chance to get away," said Albino Costa, spokesman for the state justice department, who is negotiating with the hostage-takers. "We are appealing to them to release the women and children, and especially

among the hostages." More than 300 gailons of milk, 2,000 loaves of bread and several bags of nappies were allowed into the prison last night.

Although civilian authori-ties are likely to try to delay a

lion County jail, denies any wrongdoing. I. Marshall Pinkus, his lawyer, described Mr Majors's arrest as a travesty". He said yesterday: "I am shocked and stunned. Yet authorities at the 56-bed hospital were once shocked and sturned, too, as the death Photage

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and stutmen, too, as the deant rates for the period in which Mr Majors worked with patients appeared to defy statistical analysis as well as medical explanations. In the early 1990s deaths in the intensivecare unit ranged from 24 to 31 a year. In 1994 the toll rose to 101, although admissions to the hospital had not risen above previous levels. In fact, as the hospital's notoriety spread, fewer people were bringing their sick relations

there for treatment. A recent study of 22 months during which Mr Majors was at the hospital discloses that a death happened every 23.1 hours when he was working. During that same period, a death took place cnce every 551.6 hours when Mr Majors was not working. The hospital consultant who prepared the study said that deaths in the intensive-care ward reached 'epidemic proportions" from July to December 1994.

According to affidavits submitted to investigators, Mr Majors's colleagues said he often described the relations of white trash" and 'a bunch of whiners. Two friends of the accused have also old investipators that he had always hated the elderly: one recalled him as saying that "they

should all be gassed". In March, 1996, the police seized potassium chloride from Mr Majors: van. They also found syrings and nee-

# Saga of 'extinct' Indian owls clips birdman's reputation

A SMALL owl, long thought extinct, has been found in India by two American experts. With help from the FBI. scientists from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington have also uncovered an ornithological fraud by a British soldier, adventurer and spy. The species known as the

forest owlet (Athene blewitti), was last sighted in the wild in 1884. The late Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen, a prominent British ornithologist, claimed to have collected one in Gujarat in October 1914 but detective work by the museum's ornithology experts and the FBI laboratories proved that he stole an 1884 specimen from Britain's Natural History Museum, restuffed it and

This fraud threw everyone off the scent." said Pamela Rasmussen, an ornithologist at the museum who spotted the owls. "At the time he took the owl, probably in the 1920s, he might not have known how rare the species was and therefore how confusing his relabelling would be." The discovery of the pair of owls was the culmination of a



vear's Anglo-American detective work by Dr Rasmussen and Nigel Collar of Birdlife International in Cambridge. They had tracked down seven museum specimens. Six

were obtained in India more than 100 years ago and only – Meinertzhagen's was claimed to have been found this century. Most of the other specimens in the 1880s by James David-

son, a British researcher. He had a distinctive method of binding the wings and stuffing the cavities around the wing bones with yellowed cotton. Suspicions were aroused

when seemingly identical cot-ton was found in the Mein-

could only mean that Meinertzhagen had stolen a Davidson specimen from the British Museum, cleaned it up and relabelled it, but omitted to change the cotton stuffing before claiming the discovery to be his own. This fraud threw everyone off the scent," said Dr Rasmussen

Three years ago, the British Ornithological Union alleged that Meinertzhagen, who died in 1967, aged 89, was a cheat, a charge that threw into ques-tion the scientific worth of his collection of 20,000 stuffed birds in the Natural History Zoological Museum in Tring, Hertfordshire.

Meinertzhagen strange and varied career. He once beat his groom to death with a mallet, faced a court of inquiry over the death of an African witch doctor and used by wrest Palestine from the

He claimed to have met Hitler three times before the war, once with a revolver in his pocket. He said he always regretted not shooting the Fuhrer when he had the chance. He was strongly pro-Zionist and a square was named after him in Jerosalem earlier this year.



Meinertzhagen: stole rare owl specimen

# Clintons' fund dries up

Washington: The legal de-fence fund that President and Hillary Clinton had hoped would help them with their soaring lawyers' bills was dissolved vesterday because contributions were steadily declining (lan Brodie writes).

The trustees' decision leaves the Clintons with unpaid legal

bills of \$3 million (El.8 million) over the Whitewater affair and the sexual harassment suit brought by Paula Jones. In the first II months of this year, the fund took in only \$80,000, compared with \$261,000 in 1996. The fund had raised \$1.3 million and paid legal bills of \$766,000.

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# charged Ailing economy after M tomas Ianan's tames Japan's year of the tiger

JAPAN begins its new year's holiday today in a mood of anxiety over the national destiny and fears that economic fortunes will get worse before

they get better.
Millions will flock to shrines and temples in a ritual of praying for health and prosperity. But few expect the new year - the year of the tiger -to bring quick relief from the economic gloom weighing on the national psyche.

in a country, where ex-change rates and economic prospects dominate television news, the dramatic collapse of Yamaichi Securities and several other financial institutions has dented national selfconfidence. "Can Japan survive?" was the overwrought message on more than one Christmas card. .

To make matters worse, many Japanese were denied the pleasure of drowning their worries at forget-the-oldyear" parties. Company exec-

A nation has to relearn the art of thrift, Robert Whymant

writes in Tokyo

utives decided that the business outlook was simply too bleak to justify the annual bash. So many banquets were cancelled that housewives shopping this week for traditional new year fare found Tokyo markets awash with supplies of crab and herring roe selling at hefty discounts. A government report released this week said Japan's economy has come to a standstill, due mainly to a sharp decline in consumer spending,

bracing for a slump in 1998. The slowdown in the econowhich makes up three fifths of growth. The report gave two

pockets: first is the rise in consumption tax in April. which senior ministers privately concede was badly timed and, second, the declining prospects for employment. Given the nervousness,

many firms decided to cut back on the lavish seiho, yearend gifts to business associates. In November, retail on record and officials predict declines into the new year.

The ripples from Japan's

recession will eventually reach London, as free-spending Japanese tourists decrease in numbers. In December, the Japan Travel Bureau forecast a decline in Japanese travelling overseas over the new year, while travel agencies are

my is forcing firms to shed workers without regard for the jobs-for-life principle. Gov-



Tokyo Stock Exchange traders bow to each other as the market ended trading for the year at 20 per cent lower

ernment figures released last week show that Japan's unemployment rate stands at a postwar record high of 3.5 per cent for November.

Despite the protracted slump - the Tokyo Stock Exchange ended the year 20 per cent lower than the start of the year - Japan is not

without resources. The Japanese hold a third of the world's total savings. Workers at the big Japanese manutacturers were paid generous winter bonuses: on average bonuses at 650 companies were up 3.6

per cent on 1996. But many people are saving the money rather than spending it, and government plans to stimulate consumption, such as the proposed "Happy Monday" long weekend, have

provoked ridicule. After the excesses of the asset bubble of the 1980s. when golf memberships at fashionable clubs went for £3 million, the nation appears to

have rediscovered the traditional Japanese virtue of thrift. "Just seven years ago, people were sprinkling gold dust on their desserts in Ginza restaurants. Today we hear them talking about noble poverty." says Kenneth Courtis, chief economist at Deutsche Bank

Group Asia Pacific.

#### Rwandan suspect freed by **US** court

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A MAGISTRATE in Texas has set free a Rwandan refugee wanted by the United Nations war crimes tribunal. asserting that the United States has no extradition agreement with the UN.

The decision throws into doubt America's ability to cooperate with UN tribunals on Rwanda and former Yugoslavia, despite Washington's strong political support for bringing war crimes suspects

to justice.
Elizaphan Ntakirutimana. 73, was indicted by the UN tribunal based in Arusha. Tanzania, for his part in the slaughter in 1994 of Rwanda's Tutsi minority.

A prominent Huro and trusted pastor in Mugonero, he advised local people to take refuge in the church and the hospital when the killings started. But the charges said he later led soldiers to the sanctuaries where they carried out a massacre. Mr Ntakirutimana was arrested last year in Laredo, Texas.

#### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

## Bank hijacker held after hostage release

Milan: Italian police last night stormed a Milan bank and captured a man who earlier released four hostages he had held at gunpoint for 24 hours, police said. Several shots were heard as officers captured Domenico Gargano, 35, a Sicilian who had been paid four billion lire (about £1.2 million) in ransom.

He had earlier stayed in the bank with a gun and an explosive device, negotiating by telephone for his surrender, after releasing his hostages. Police said Gargano took the hostages, all officers or employees of the small branch of Banca Popolare, on Monday after being refused a loan because of his criminal record, which included convictions for robbery, violence and attempted extortion. He had demanded a helicopter to get away. but police sealed off the area surrounding the bank and called in a special reinforcement team. (AFP)

#### South Korea executes 23

Seoul: Twenty-three death-row immates were executed in South Korea by hanging yesterday, including a policeman who shot dead four people over a personal grudge. They were convicted of murder, rape, robbery and other serious charges. The executions were the first in the country since November 1995 when 19 prisoners were hanged. In 1991, Kim Jun Young, 33, a police officer, drew his revolver while on duty and killed four people who, he said, had refused to drop a legal action against him.
Rights groups and religious organisations demonstrated against the executions. South Korea has executed 902 people since its foundation in 1948. Thirty-six people remain on death row. (AP)

#### \*Two killed in Delhi bus blast

Delhi: At least two people were killed and 20 wounded when a bomb exploded on a bus in the Indian capital, just as police had stopped it for a routine search. Ravi Pawar, a police spokesman, said a bomb had been planted under a seat near the back of the bus, which was packed with rush-hour passengers, in the Rampura district. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which was the latest in a series of recent explosions in the capital. The Shahid Khalsa force of Sikh separatists in the northwestern state of Punjab claimed responsibility for two attacks carried out in October. (Reuters)

#### What's up, doc? Stamp sales!



nothing

Washington: Bugs Bunny bounced to first place among new US postage stamps, with 45.3 million stamps collected in 1997, but Elvis Presley remains the all-time king, with 124 million stamps collected since 1993. Among the ten most popular stamps of 1997, more than 231 million were saved, an increase of more than 31 million over last year. The popularity of stamps is measured by the number collected, not those used in the post. The year-end statistics are determined through quarterly surveys sent to 60,000 homes. (AP)

#### Toll of 97 in Algeria killings Paris: Ninety-seven civilians died in new massacres at take

roadblocks, raids on villages, a bomb blast and other attacks across Algeria, newspapers reported. Attackers cut the throats of 34 villagers — 19 women, 11 children and four men — at a village in the Medea area. 45 miles south of Algiers. The attackers booby-trapped one body which exploded later, wounding several people among relations and rescuers who went to the massacre site, it was reported. The violence brought to more than 300 the number of civilians killed in the past six days. (Reuters)

#### Jordan jails Israel plotters

Amman: Four Jordanian-Palestinians convicted of plotting attacks on Israelis have been sentenced to between ten and 15 years' imprisonment with hard labour, a court official said. In sentencing them, Judge Yousef Faouri, of the State Security Court, said: The defendants' possession of arms and explosives and their plotting attacks against Israel is a threat to the security of Jordan. Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty in 1994. The court had initially decided to sentence the four to death. (AP)

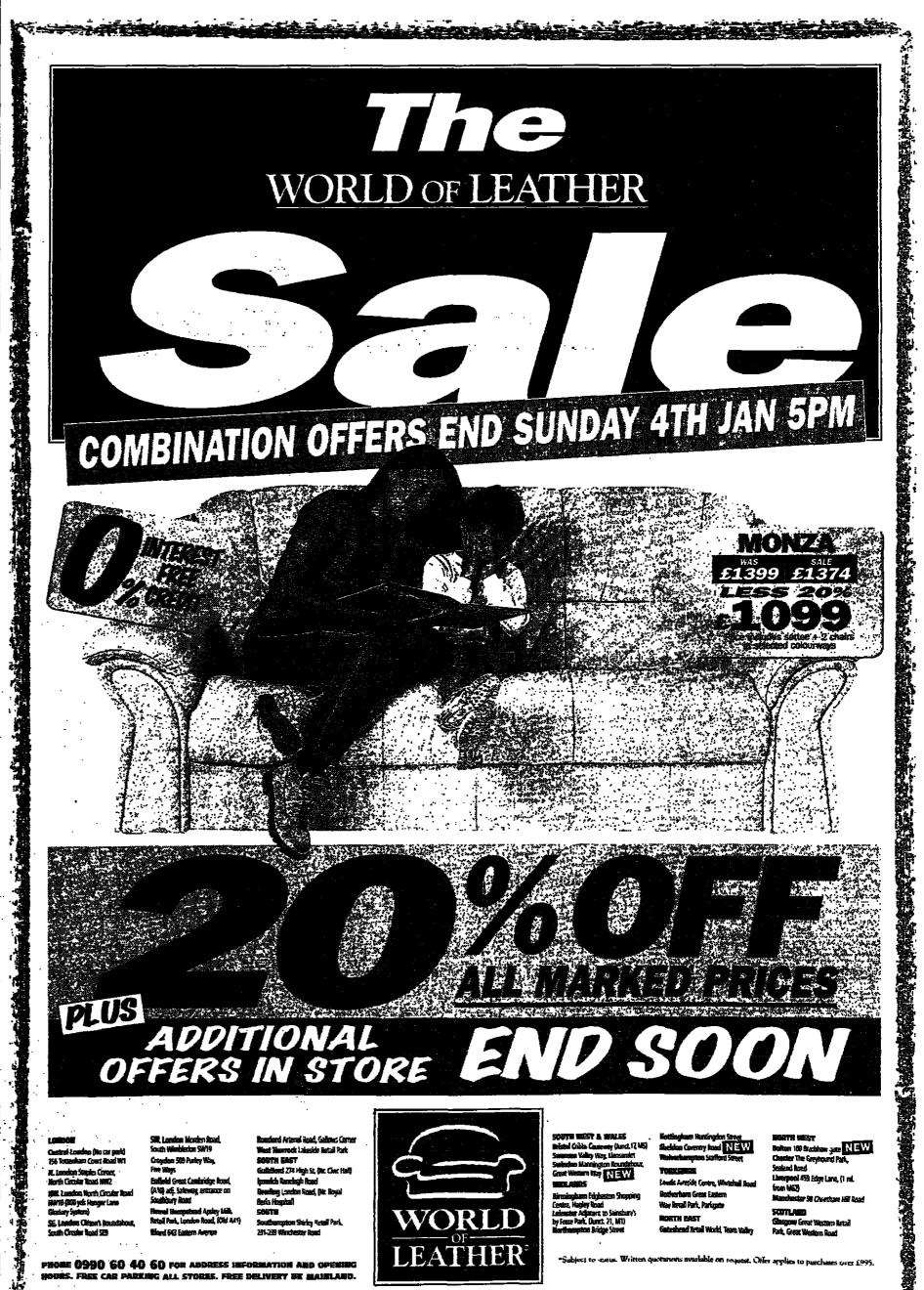
#### Immigrant guilty of racism

Jerusalem An Israeli court has found Tatyana Suskin, 26, right, guilty of racism for putting up posters depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a pig. Suskin, a Russian immigrant and supporter of the outlawed anti-Arab group Kach, said she had no regrets despate being convicted of committing a racist act, harming religious sensitivities, supporting a terrorist group and endangering life by stoning a car. She put the posters up in the West Bank town of Hebron last June. (Reuters)



## \* 'Mama Doc' dies in France

Saint Cloud: Simone Duvalier, the wife of the former Haitian dictator François "Papa Doc" Duvalier, has died near Paris aged 83. Mine Duvalier, dubbed "Marna Doc", had lived in France since 1986, when her son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc", was ousted from power in a coup after ruling for 15 years. Prançois Duvalier became President of Haiti in 1956 and ruled until 1971, when he named his son as his successor. (AFP)



# 1997: a year of tears, betrayal

Who could have predicted this time last year that 1997 would bring such dramatic swings of public emotion? Britain rejoiced with Tony Blair on May 2 the winds of political change had restored a Labour Government for the first time in 18 years. Four months later, on a sunny morning, we mourned Diana, Princess of Wales. History may forget some of this year's movers, shakers and snapshots but, for the moment at least, says BILL FROST, we will not.



#### **CONSPICUOUS CONSUMERS**

VIKTOR KOZENY, Czech financier and restaurant legend. One lunch at the Mayfair's Le Gavroche set the socalled Pirate of Prague back more than £13.000, most of which was spent on wine. Food was taken and cigars selected from the humidor but, when the table is laden with bottles, little room is left for plates or ashtrays.

Oasis wives Meg and Patsy Gallagher would be hard pressed to match such a daily total on lunch. However, their well-known fondness for designer labels and assorted gewgaws can reach similar heights. And there is plenty of time for the pair to go for a new record once the ghastly new year sales are over.

#### **BABY OF** THE YEAR

KARLI HAWTHORNE, snatched from Basildon Hospital hours after her birth then reunited with her parents.

Tanya, the child's mother, said: "She cried all the way home, but the minute we set

#### BAD SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER (no contest). Slamming his Ferrari across Jacques Villeneuve's Williams Renault dur-

ing the Spanish Grand Prix was described by veteran driver Stirling Moss as "quite

Villeneuve's verdict — even though he went on to win the world championship -- was unprintable.

Damon Hill - who was also deprived of the victor's laurels after a collision with Schumacher at the Adelaide circuit in 1994 - added: "Michael did something that was so blatant that it tar-

nished his great reputation. "Draconian punishments are imposed upon people for doing something that seems fairly innocuous to many, and at other times nothing is done

#### BRAVERY AWARDS

SIX NOMINATIONS in this category, given in no particu-

Ann Widdecombe's onslaught on Michael Howard, her former boss at the Home Office, was by any standards a bravura performance. The dismissal of Derek Lewis, former head of the Prison Service and alleged scapegoat for a number of embarrassing escapes and other crises, was "deplorable", said Miss Widdecombe. She accused Mr Howard of "distorting" a report on the service to justify the sacking. The former Home concerned with controlling events", she claimed.

Lisa Potts, the nursery nurse who saved children at a picnic from a man armed with a machete by shielding them with her own body, was told by the Queen: "Yours was absolute bravery." Miss Potts, awarded the George Medal for her courage and herself injured in the attack, is still in

therapy.

Josie Russell saw her sister and mother murdered on a woodland path in Kent. She, too, suffered appalling injuries. Remarkably, she has recovered. Her hair, shaved off for surgery, has now regrown and the hats she wore to cover the scars have been abandoned.

For dignity in sadness at their mother's funeral: the Princes William and Harry. For extraordinary energy during the general election campaign while suffering the

pain of terminal illness: the

late Sir James Goldsmith.

#### **DIVORCEES OF** THE YEAR

THE BILLIONAIRE'S ex-wife known as the Bride of Wildenstein because of the plastic surgery she has undergone says she cannot survive on £30,000 a month. Jocelyne Wildenstein, 52, revealed that she could not possibly cope on anything less than £150,000 a

Lorna Wendt has no complaints, though. The Connecticut wife claimed her husband was worth £60 million and fought for half. She was awarded £13 million, the family mansion and a condominium in Key Largo.



THE DEATH of Diana, Princess of Wales, has - in theory at least - taught many to mend their ways. A new code of conduct - "the toughest in Europe" has been introduced by the Press Council, and for paparazzo now read

The tragedy jolted the royals into a

#### THE DIANA EFFECT

new mode, too - the Queen spoke movingly to the nation and the Prince of Wales mounted a charm offensive. Earl Spencer ticked off the tabloids at his sister's funeral and then lost the

moral high ground when details of his own unhappy marriage were revealed at a divorce hearing in Cape Town. In death as in life, the Princess herself continues to fascinate. The scenes of public mourning and the mountains of flowers outside Kensing-

ton Palace will stay with us all.

WELL-REHEARSED DEATH OF THE YEAR

COLUMNIST Jeffrey Bernard, the inspiration for Keith Waterhouse's play Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell, who described his weekly column in The Spectator as a "suicide note by

The chain-smoking, heavy-drinking, gambling, womanising, silver-penned chronicler of Soho low life wrote an article ten years ago describing the sort of funeral that he wanted - a burial place in Westminster Abbey and massed pipe bands. In the event, the service took place in a small chapel at the West London Crematorium in Kensal Green. His ashes were to

be buried by the gallops at the Seven Barrows stables in

Berkshire "so future generations of Derby winners can gallop

SURVIVORS OF THE YEAR

NICOLA HORLICK, the former Morgan Grenfell fund

manager who made a spectacular flight to the company's Frankfurt office after being suspended, is now with Societe Generale and has joined the luvvies — Channel 4 has asked her to head its efforts to find sponsorship and outside backers.

Cell Mates but still remains bankable, viz his starring role in the critically acclaimed film Wilde. "I'm not going to say I'm happy, I'm not going to say I'm in a complete state... I think I'm averagely in a state."

Stephen Fry, polymath actor, walked out of the West End play



JACQUELINE DU PRE: once arguably the world's linest cellist, was cast in a very different light by her brother and sister in their book. A (serialised exclusively in The

They claimed that she was spoilt, manipulative and where men were concerned -

Hermarriage to Daniel Barenboim was disintegrating when her sister, Hilary, allowed, Jacqueline to sleep with he husband, Kiffer.

Not to have done so would have precipitated Jacque into total breakdown," Hilary

"It was incredibly painful and very hard ... but it is even harder to see a sister, who one loves very much indeed, at

#### THE YEAR

JONATHAN AITKEN endured humiliation and public vilification over his involve ment with the Al Fayeds et al. But he is still not short of a bob or two, so shed no tears...

His libel action against The Guardian collapsed when the former Treasury Secretary. who had famously claimed to be wielding the sword of truth", was found to have lied under oath about his bill at the Ritz Hotel in Paris. He said that the tab had been picked up by his wife, while the newspaper alleged itshad been met by a wealthy Arab

Aitken faced a legal bill of up to £2 million. He said when the case was withdrawn that he and his family had been broken" by the affair — and at the same time split with his wife, Lolicia.

#### CARSER CHANGE OF THE YEAR

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MARIIN BRIL, veteran BBC war correspondent, was elect ed anti-state MP for Tatton. Neil Hamilton's formerly sale

Tory seat in Cheshire. The people's choice, and I'm very proud, 'he said Laur he was to admir that politics was tougher than being in a

bairle zone:
Eric Cantona — remember
him? The big, moody French
bloke decided to ditch football in favour of the screen. However, his first film. A Question of Horious, received scan acclaim. Tomorrow is another flay, said the example of the first flay. Manchester United star.

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#### SARTORIAL DISASTER

A HUSBAND and wife double award: the then-tobe Mrs William Hague's conference cocktail dress - or "Ffion's ffrock" - and the Tory leader's absurd baseball cap, worn at the Notting Hill Carnival.

Ffion's "see-through" number - short, black and lacy - was to have been the highlight of the Tory conference in Blackpool. In the event, the £2,000 frock failed to shock - short, yes; black, yes; lacy, yes. But not, unfortunately, flattering to Ffion's figure.



#### SARTORIAL TRIUMPH

CHERIE BLAIR showed she was First Lady of fashion by outshining Hillary Clinton when the President and his wife

Both women opted for neutral shades, understated accessories and neatly buttoned coats. But Mrs Blair dazzled through in her £400 grey shift dress and matching coat with satin lapels. She teamed the outfit, by her favourite designer, Ronit Zilkha, with court shoes and a simple necklace.

"Ten out of ten for the lady from No 10," wrote one fashion editor. "Cherie was the clear winner." By comparison, Hillary's outfit looked as though it had been bought from some mid-market department store.

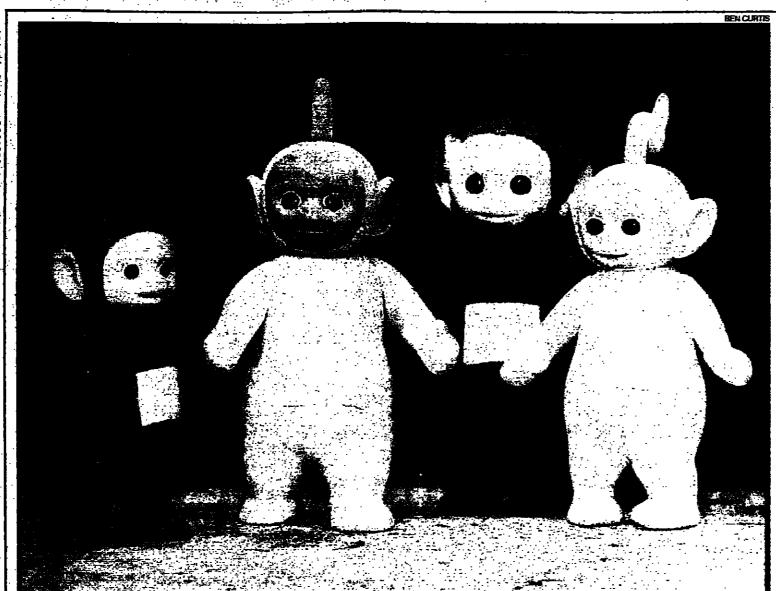
Runner-up: Filon Hague. That wedding dress, a figurehugging sheath with draped neckline, cloak and short train. was sophisticated and sexy. Like the Blackpool number, it was the work of young London designer Neil Cunningham.



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# elation and new beginnings



THIS LIFE. Hotel, Teletubbles and The Full Monty. An everyday story of young professionals getting out of their heads and being pro-miscours, BBC2's This Life became compulsive viewing. The last episode pulled out all the stops; our heroes were engaged in activities too

THE murder of Gianni

mansion exposed some of

nani was revealed a

the openly homosexual

There was talk of mass

orgies and drug abuse; a succession of young male

consorts; the dark fantasies

of a sadomasochistic culture. Still, he was mourned at his

funerality the great and the good — among them Diana, Princess of Wales.

The apparent suicide of

prince of South Beach.

CELEBRITY DEATHS OF THE YEAR

Versace in July at his Miami showed the darker side of

the strange excesses of the Found hanging by his belt rivillend famous queen in a Sydney hotel room, the

The fashion designer, shot INXS rock star was said to

dead by 27-year-old Andrew have been high on drugs

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#### TV AND FILM SMASH HITS OF THE YEAR

Lilv. Ms Yates, who recently

discovered she was the love

child of the late game-show

sordid to mention in a family newspaper.

Michael Hutchence also

Paula Yates, the minor

league English celebrity he

was to marry in 1998, said

she would never get over his death. "Michael was the love

A single tiger lily was among the flowers on his coffin — the couple's 16-

month-old daughter is called

Heavenly Hiraani Tiger

of my life," she added.

Hotel gave staff at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool a sacrosanct in almost every household with young childweekly fix of stardom. Howren. Laa Laa, Po. Tinky ever, it will be interesting to Winky and Dipsy have besee how the bookings are come firmly entrenched fam-

ily favourites - they may be faring this time next year. Teletubbies time is now overweight and talk rubbish but at least they bring a few minutes' respite every day to beleaguered parents.

The Full Monty was the surprise smash of the year

her pledge to wear widow's

weeds and chose instead a

revealing dress showing off

her silicon-grown breasts.

on both sides of the Atlantic A troupe of former Sheffield steelworkers who have had enough of life on the dole decide to take their kit off for the girls and regain some dignity in the process - a low-budget production high on laughter and with bags of "feel-good" factor.



CANDLE in the Wind -Elton John's tear-jerking revival of a 20-year-old sone that made us all cry while watching the funeral of Diana. Princess of Wales.

Runner up: Say Eh-Oh ... the Teletubbies first single with babies or small children failed to fall for Po and co's Christmas song. Next project. a world tour?

#### MISJUDGMENT OF THE YEAR

THE Duchess of York's attack on the Royal Family, on American television, for failing to invite her to the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh's golden wedding bash. Sarah's antics and financial difficulties are a source of considerable irritation and embarrassment at Buck House still. so expect no reconciliation in the near future — if ever.

#### HEALTH SCARE

OF THE YEAR

BSE, AND NOW beef on the bone. Agriculture Minister Jack Cunningham's ban on the latter has infuriated the meat industry and consumers alike.

A clandestine network of butchers across the country is still selling T-bone steaks and ribs as government inspectors admit that they are helpless to stop the

More to the point, not everyone is convinced that the move was dictated by health concerns; could be more a case of having a tilt

#### MOST WELCOME DEPARTURES FROM PUBLIC LIFE

JONATHAN AITKEN to also Downfall) and rightwinger David Evans. The former Treasury Secretary now wields no influence. A future role on the political stage is unlikely.

Evans lost his seat last May, Mr Major was said to have cheered when he heard the result.

"Mr Mad", as the former MP for Welwyn Hatfield had been known, was notorious for his sexist and racist outbursts - Virginia Bottomley was "dead from the neck up" and his Labour rival "a single girl with three bastard children", he proclaimed.

#### DIGNITY IN DEFEAT

JOHN MAJOR: a speech that gave the man a gravitas he perhaps lacked while Prime Minister. You may not have liked his party, but in the small hours of May 2 his words made even the staunchest new Labour supporter feel sorry for him.

And a tear for Chris Patten, the last emperor of Hong Kong. Let us hope Central Office finds him a safe seat, if such an option remains for a Tory candidate. Failing that, he may join the race to become elected mayor of London. Michael Portillo: From

the moment Margaret Thatcher's heir apparent heard that he had lost his Enfield Southgate seat to a man named Twigg, he became a model of dignity and restraint. The former Defence Secretary went from being an arrogant, quiffed zealot while in office to a model of humility on the night of defeat.

"It was not put on, promise," he said later. " was devastated."

#### **BOUNDERS OF** THE YEAR

EARL SPENCER'S treatment of his wife, Victoria - as revealed in the Cape Town divorce proceedings — may have angered every rightthinking woman. A real contender in this category.

Try this one for size, though: Nicole Contos was left at the altar when her fiance boited to Tahiti. Michael Tasos, an Anglo-Cypriot maritime lawyer, dumped his bride at the Greek Orthodox Church in Manhattan then fled off on honeymoon by himself.

Runner-up: Piers Merchant, married former Tory MP for Beckenham. His "mendship" with an 18-year-old Soho bar hostess — "she slept on the election point when sleaze and mortgage for. Never again."

the Tory party were synonymous. Mr Merchant described the teenager as a family friend and briefly convinced party bosses he was not a liability. However, further tabloid revelations about the

#### BORES OF THE YEAR

relationship brought his polit-

ical career to an abrupt end.

MR AND MRS Neil Hamilton, tarred with the Al Fayed brush. The Spice Girls: tarty and dull.

The River Cafe, West London's most fashionable restaurant. Book a month in advance for messed-about food and pretentious company; as a disgruntled diner remarked: "A collision of inansines vou need

#### **UGLY BLOKE OF** THE YEAR

CHRIS EVANS, DJ-cummedia mogul. He may have shelled out millions for Virgin Radio but he remains ginger and bespectacled.

Evans's on-air mix of egocentric rambling, vulgarity and inanity continues to amuse some listeners, but can you fool all of the people all of the time?

And just in case you are tempted to harbour any lingering loyalty to the carrottopped one, he failed to send ten-year-old daughter. Jade, either a card or a present this Christmas.

And what does Jade think? Her verdict after seeing him on television news after the signing of the Virgin deal



Seeing the card to "Mummy" on her coffin was, almost certainly, the most poignant moment of this or any year in recent history. The Queen's live broadcast summed up

the feelings of a nation stricken by grief. 'No one who knew Diana will ever forget her. Millions of others, who never met her, there are lessons to be drawn from her life and from the extraordinary reaction to her

"May those who died rest in peace and may we, each and every one of us, thank God for someone who made many, many people happy."

#### DIVA OF THE YEAR

SPECIAL award goes to chairman of the House of the gods.
Commons Culture, Media
and Sport Select Committee,
for putting a bomb under the
Royal Opera House in October with a facerating report nighlighting a performance of

Poor planning had plunged the company into the worst-crisis of its 51-year history the board resigned en masse,
having run up debts of almost
fit is million — and Mr Kaufman told them that the Arts Council would be nuts to give. you an extra penny until you have sorted yourselves out.

Heattacked Mary Allen, the new chief executive, for saying that a larger public subsidy

The ROH's financial affairs were a shambles and the company was wandering around London like the Flying Dutchman in search of more

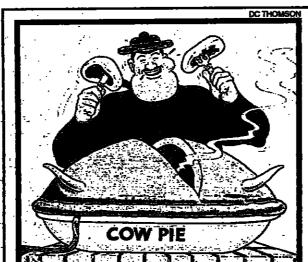
No bouquets from the good and the great for his performance perhaps, but definitely three cheers from those who Gerald Kaufman, waspish cannot afford even a seat in

#### **BETRAYAL OF** THE YEAR

"THE Blairs like cats." said the Prime Minister's spokes-man after claims that Humphrey. Downing Street's very own mouser, had gone to meet

Reports, started by diarist and serial philanderer Alan Clark, that the animal's death warrant had been signed by Cherie Blair after the animal had soiled a designer frock were hotly denied.

Snaps of the cat (complete with that day's newspaper to prove authenticity) taken at a secret location in southeast London have failed to satisfy everyone. The question re-mains: "Could Humphrey have been put to the sword for peeing on Cherie's dress?"



MOST PRETENTIOUS FILM OF THE YEAR

IT WON nine Oscars but let's face it, The English Patient was a

yawn. Frederick Forsyth spoke for many when he called it

with all the authenticity of The Wizard of Oz". Quite.

languid to the point of inertia, pretentious, self-indulgent and

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Philip Delves Broughton

explains why he will not be in

the festive spirit tonight

s 1899 turned to 1900. Sigmund Freud was a man best avoided. He was telling anyone who looked too cheerful that the only thing they could be sure of in the next century was that they would die in it. Some may have told him to cheer up or get back to his couch. Others would have stared into the champagne going flat in their flutes and admitted that irritatingly, Sigmund once again had a point. In his roundabout way, he was saying what millions would agree with: new year celebrations are the

As an excuse for a party. new year is an arbitrary and inconvenient date dictated simply by the calendar. It comes at the end of a period of extended gluttony and celebrating, and for many is little more than a final road hump to be negotiated before the blissful purge of January. It lacks the constituent essential to the best parties: that sense of release or achievement which comes at the end of something worth celebrating, a collective endeavour, whether in the office or on the tennis court. backstage at a school play or when England thump Hol-

land 4-1 in Euro 96. By contrast, the looming imperative to celebrate at new year is as appealing as a drunk on the bus telling you to 'Cheer up." because "it may never

Then there is the Why else

would there be such things as new year resolutions, if not to make you feel guilty about the way you lived the year gone by? Stop smoking, work harder, stop keeping your clothes in a heap on the floor and use the wardrobe. But the warm feeling generated by one's resolutions to right these wrongs soon dissolves into the realisation that they

January. As the millennium ends, the perennial state of new year fragility is being given grandi-ose titles: Millennial Anxiety, Pre-Millennial Tension or Millennial Malaise.

For a cult member who has decided to spend the years up to 2000 freezing on a mountain in Colorado in anticipation of the Second Coming, then anxiety is entirely understandable. Should the Messiah decide to delay his arrival for 12 months without warning, more Virgin train than Virgin birth, an ensuing malaise would also be

For the rest of us, however, the only thing millennial about the malaise is that the normal anxiety about how or with whom to bring in the new year is being exacerbated a thousand times over.

With the arrival of a new century or a new millennium. the insecurities endemic in new year deepen and yet the demand for celebrations grows louder.

By the time 2000 comes, Britain will be in a state of nervous breakdown, like a deeply insecure host, grinning wildly, turning up the music, herding everyone into the Dome and forcing them to have a good time whether they damned well like it or not.

There is tonight and next year to rehearse. Then it will be time for the big one and Peter Mandelson will be out with his ledger: will you be a signed-up member of New Britain's, all singing, all dancing, rosy-dawned party class? Or will you be a curmudgeon. refusing to participate in the obligatory national rejoicing, looking to Greenwich and seeing nothing but Millenni-

um Doom? The Government, it seems, is conspiring with the nation's party-planners, off-licences and paper hat suppliers to divide the country into those who will be attending a party and those who will not.

If national unity is what they are after, whether for own political motives or a genuine desire for the greatest happiness of the greatest number, they could not have chosen a worse time.

The German Protestant theologian Paul Tillich argued in the 1950s that anxiety rose as civilisations declined. He described three periods of anxiety which gripped the whole of society. From Alexan-

der the Great until the fall of Rome. men suffered from It is all as the anxiety of fate appealing and death". The only means to overas a drunk come it was by per-

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Ages and the anxiety brought on by fear of the wrath of God and the accompanying trend to

forming insane acts

of courage. Next came the Middle

guilt and condemnation. Finally, and this is what we are suffering from, there is the anxiety brought on by victory in war, the rise of liberal democracy, pluralism and lives made easier by technology. This, Tillich called "the anxiety of emptiness and gloom-mongering from a German Protestant theologian, perhaps. Then again, like that

things said to contribute

to pre-millennial tension. We

just happen to be in one of

Tillich's troughs, irrespective of the date. Global warming,

short-term job contracts, loose

nuclear weapons and impene-

trable Microsoft packages would all be with us whatever

What would not remain

would be the night of Decem-

ber 31, 1999, which now stands

as the supreme test of the

nation's sociability. There will

be no escape to the Indian

But on January 1, 2000, it

will all be over. The millennial

tension will have fallen from

the nation's shoulders, and we

will be able to resume our

normal duty for another thou-

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we decided to call the date.

strategy and London rain. other Eeyore, Freud, he may have been on to something. every country of Europe. here is nothing especial-Back to 1968: ly millennial about most

January: In America Dr Benjamin Spock, of nursery fame, was indicted for anti-draft activities, while in Russia the writer Alexander Ginsburg was jailed for "slandering the State". Both were indications of what 1968 held in store.

On the 31st the Vietcong seized advantage of the traditional new year's Tet celebrations to launch a major co-ordinated series of attacks on South Vietnamese cities. Briefly, it looked as if the Vietcong had won. But the US forces reacted with vigour, inflicting a clear-cut defeat on the

Vietcone. however, nor did Americans want to see it. A much greater impact was made by the photograph of the brutal public execution of a young Vietcong suspect, while President Johnson's decision to send another 50,000 troups to Vietnam was taken as sure sign that Tet had been a Communist victory. Campuses across America errunted.

won three golds in the Winter



# The year the world turned

Thirty years ago. January 1 was to ring in one of the most troublesome and nasty, yet exciting, periods of the post war era. 1968 was the year of violent student revolt, and of assassination. It determined the defeat of America in Vietnam and the fall of de Gaulle. It also displayed the fissures that were to bring the whole Soviet monolith toppling two decades later.

Some caught up in it likened 1968 to that other year of revolution, 1848; when old political structures across Europe collapsed like the walls of

In Paris in the last week of February, 1848, three days of totally unexpected demos brought down the liberal Louis-Philippe, last King of

France. Given the paucity of communications, what was remarkable about 1848, was how revolution in Paris spread in a simultaneous shockwave across Europe. In Vienna the seemingly immortal Metternich — who had given Europe its past three

decades of peace — was deposed. In Britain alone revolution proved a damp squib; a demo of an alleged half-million Chartists mustering on ment was headed off by a combination of the Iron Duke's brilliant

By the end of 1848, except for Britain, there were dictators in almost

None of this was seen in America.

February: France's Jean-Claude Killy Olympics: three East German comAlistair Horne casts an eye back to the turbulent events of 1968

In Paris the

students rioted

— in London

they just sang

petitors were disqualified for heating the runners of their toboggan. Richard Nixon announced he would run for President in 1968. But America was stunned by the announcement that President Johnson, worn down by Vietnam and anti-war protest,

would not be a candidate. March: Polish police clashed with students demonstrating for greater freedom; in Czechoslovakia Communist Party chief Alexander Duboek sparked off the heady Prague Spring by relaxing press censorship and arresting the chief of police. For a few rapturous weeks it looked as if

Czechoslovakia would regain the freedom it had lost 20 years previously. April: On the 4th,

in Memphis, Martin Luther King was assassinated. Race riots fired cities from Los Angeles to gun posts were set up outside the White House.

In Germany a left-wing student, Rudi Dutschke, was shot in the head by a gunman claiming to emulate the King shooting. Dutschke survived, but the shooting triggered off student

riots across Germany. May: First reports in Britain that student unrest was spreading to Paris were eclipsed by arrest of the Kray brothers, by Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" speech, and by news that the Greek Colonels had sacked 14 government censors after a "subversive" report on matchboxes. But, suddenly, on the tenth anniversary of de Gaulle's coming to power, it was apparent that all France was being rocked by les evenements at the

Sorbonne Trouble had started back in February at Nanterre, a particularly drab suburban campus where sociology predominated, under left-wing professors, though most of the students came (by car) from the essentially bourgeois arrondissements of western Paris. With a few hundred supporters, revolt was carried from Nanterre to the Sorbonne by a redheaded firebrand. Danny Cohn-

Bendit, who was not even French, but the son of affluent German-Jews. At the Sorbonne, Cohn-Bendit found the most inflammable materi-

al. With more than 130,000 students crammed into desperately overcrowd-ed classrooms, the education was archaic. There was little contact with the professors, unmotivated by either day after play censorship was obligations or sanctions. The primary object of the rebel students was to

establish student power within the Sorbonne: secondarily to achieve sexual freedom within the precincts. On May 5 the Paris police closed down the Sorbonne, arresting 500 students. They over-reacted, causing many hundreds of casualties (miraculously, no deaths). The students took to the streets, supported by some professors and

Swiftly what started as a student revolt became political, aimed at nothing less than overthrow of the de Gaulle government. Slogans such as Auld Lang Syne "Ten Years is Enough" and "France is Bored" (a

famous 1848 banner revived) appeared everywhere. The Government was caught totally unprepared. De Gaulle was in Romania; Premier Pompidou in Afghanistan. By the third week in May, Paris was paralysed, with no petrol in the

pumps and food running short. Students tried to take the revolt to the big Renault works at Billancourt, but, with the mighty Communist Party just as much off balance as the Government, the unions declined to follow the Sorbonne's lead

In what seemed like panic and without telling his Prime Minister (for a moment. Pompidou thought he was doing a Louis-Philippe flit), on Wednesday, May 29, de Gaulle flew mysteriously to Baden-Baden — to get the support of General Massu and the French Army in Germany. On the Thursday he returned, making the last powerful radio appeal of his career. That evening the Champs-Elysées filled with a hundred-thou-

sand pro-Gaullists. By the 31st order had been restored and France's most frightening week since the war was over. Attention shifted to the Vietnam peace talks. also under way in Paris. In Britain revolt hit Essex University — but it was a pale reflection of the Sorbonne.

June: An art-loving actress shot Andy

Warhol, unsuccessfully. Two days later Bobbie Kennedy was assassinat ed in Los Angeles by a 24-year-old Palestinian, Sirhan Sirhan.

August: Russian tanks crossed into Czechoslovakia. September: Prague returned to the grip of Moscow winter as censorship of the press was reimposed. In London the cast of Hair stripped the

abolished. October: 250,000 marched on the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square in an anti-Vietnam demonstration. As in 1848, fears of revolution in London proved exaggerated; the demo ended good-humouredly, with

marchers linking arms with the police and singing Auld Ling Syne.

John Lennon and Yoko Ono were arrested on drugs charges, and Jackie Kennedy married Aristotle Onassis. November: Nixon elected President LBJ in his last act ordered an end to bombing in Vietnam In a final protest against Soviet repression. Prague students occupied the university. Enid Blyton died. December: Apollo 8 made the first

war song of those days, where did all the flowers of 1968 go? Some became ageing hippies, or nurtured the politically correct in the universities. Alexander Dubcek disappeared into exile, but survived; Czechoslovakia, along with the rest of Eastern Europe, regained its freedom

flight around the Moon.

20 years later. in France, after the "Events of May" - as in Brezhnev's Soviet Union - the Communist Party went into a terminal decline. De Gaulle fell the following year. Nixon abandoned

Vietnam to its fate, five years later. Of the 1968 revolutionaries, Rudi Dutschke became the godfather of the Greens in Germany, before dying of his 1968 head wounds. Cohn-Bendit also followed a political career in Germany, and is now a respectable Green city councillor in Frankfurt. Britain's student revolutionary, Tariq Ali, disillusioned by the British working class, became a prosperous media

mogul. In Paris, the Sorbonne suffered few reforms; with Mitterrand, followed by unemployment, few students remained in revolutionary mode. Unlike that other revolutionary year of 1848, no West European nation succumbed to revolt, or to dictatorship.

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# There will be no obit

There will be no obituary of my father in The Times. He was not quite good enough at. cricket or cards, although he played both well when he was young. He was named after my grandfathers. Yorkshire hero, Wilfred Rhodes, but lost quickly both the Wilfred and the highest ball-spinning ambitions. From soon after he was a born on April 21, 1925, to soon after 2.30 on Monday afternoon, Decanber 29, he answered to the name

A man of his age might reason-ably have booked his space on the obituaries page during the war. My onniance page of the state of the set out for war when he was supposed to have been setting out as a student. He joined the Royal Navy despite all his family's efforts to keep him at home. But he sailed away to West Africa on a ship called HMS Aberdeen. He bought red leather knife cases and postcards of Dakar's six-domed cathedral and never fired a hostile shot except at a basking shark. He was lucky, he said; but that

When he was not shooting fish or rading cans for trinkets, he studied the young science of radar, watching the many curious ways that waves behave in the air above the sea. He was not a radar pioneer in the sense that our obituarists would require. He was one of thousands who fiddled with diodes, quartz and wire to make radar work. That was how he spent most of the rest of

He returned to England when the war was won and took up the place at Nottingham University which he had won before. He batted and bowled and played bridge and studied physics. He had a striped blue-green-yellow blazer, which he bequeathed to his son long before this week and which made it easier for my friends to recognise me at Oxford in the Seventies in the dark. It will go in turn to his beloved granddaughter or grandson - whichever might

He had a brain which engineers lescribed as Rolls-Royce. It was powerful but he did not like to test it beyond a pure. On July 17, 1950, he joined the Marconi Company at its research laboratory in Great Baddow. Essex, on a salary of £340 per year. He worked on many and various half-forgotten, half-successful, mostly never needed air ish skies during the Cold War. He 1 reasoned through his problems in , an armchair at home, spreading files marked "Secret" like fisher men's nets. He preferred to solve technical glitches in series not in parallel. He found solutions singly. He hated to stress the machinery of his mind.

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ater he became a manager i for Marconi and a salesman whom, in my own too simple student days. I would call an arms salesman. He travelled and loved to travel. He came to know thou-sands of fellows in the science of spotting fast-moving objects in the sky. He loved Marconi, and later the Ericsson Radar Company, for whom he worked in his retirement. He had space in his purring life for | hundreds to be his friend. But he long did not seek the advancement that an obituarist would wish; and latterly, when he sought it, he did not find it.

He sometimes misunderstood people. He liked to see them as electro-machinery, as fundamen-tally capable of simple, selfless working. He was closed to the communications of art. His favourite picture was a photograph, of an oil-production platform being towed through a fiord. He listened to no music. He was especially offended by the violin and the soprano voice. His passions were for moving parts, moving balls, jet- i streams in the skies over air shows, Channels golf club, the Royal Marines and Beotys restaurant on St Martin's Lane. Other minds were not his pasture.

If I had asked him his own list of 🧎 passions this week, it would have been headed by the Farleigh Hospice in Cheimsford, whose powers : of love and peace-bringing should be celebrated in sky-written letters of gold. Their nurses saved his . death. He claimed that he had never had a dream until the painkillers for his prostate cancer. brought him dreams, too. On Monday he died peacefully in dimorphine dreams.

Thirty years ago, when I was setting off for Oxford to study Latin 2 and Greek, he gave me his own a father's copy of the second six books of Virgil's Aeneid. The name B. Stothard, in firm now faded hand, still sits inside the flyleaf. My wonderful father did not much care for Latin or for my studying it. But 2 he never tried to stop me. He inever closed a gate. I felt guilt ! that I could say was in the adapted 1 this week when the best farewell it words of Camilus atque in perpetuum, pater, ave atque vale".

Atque in perpetuum there is no need for an obituary in The Times.

PETER STOTHARD .

# Star billing

PLEASE do not tell the Lord Chancellor, but Cherie Booth has joined a campaign to increase the legal aid bill. Ms Booth has signed up to an outfit which is determined to boost the already burgeoning bill - just as my old friend Lord Irvine of Lairg tries to trim the cost. Before paddling off to the Seychelles, Cherie pledged her support for the Equal Opportunity Action
Unit which — naughtily — wants to boost funds for moaning employees at tribunals. Ministers seek to scrap legal aid in most civil cases, to save £800

million a year. But the EOAU wants to increase the bill by allowing legal aid to those claiming money from employers. Happily, this would give more to £1,000-aday employment lawyers — includ-

ing Ms Booth.
Margaret McCabe, EOAU chairwoman, says: "Cherie is one of a number of leading lawyers who have come together to suggest changes so that employment law truly provides access to justice." Cherie knows about minorities. She made her debut before the European Court defending a lesbian railworker's girlfriend. The group also wants to offer mentors to lawyers. Irvine performed that role for Tony Blair and Ms Booth. who toiled in his chambers extending his services to playing

● THE ghost of General Patton lives on in Wales. A monoplane he

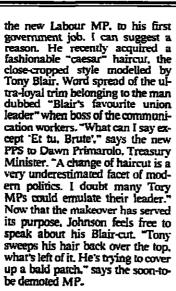


Shhhh ... Cherie, Irvine

Maurice "Captain" Kirk, friend of the bibulous Oliver Reed, who buzzes over the Valleys. He has just had an accident, leaving him wedged in a hedge up a 400ft hill. The plane was flying backwards." he explains. "The 90mph headwind was faster than my top speed."

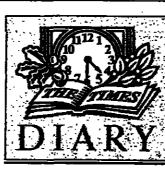
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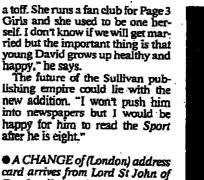
Trimmer: Johnson



● AT 6ft 5in, Will Self, the drug user and writer, is two inches taller than he was ten years ago. "It could be that I have grown out of my knuckle-grazing days," he crooned "Or it could simple be the result of all my clean living and plenty of exercise."

#### First addition

A NEWSPAPER dynasty is emerging in the aristocratic climes of Essex, in Theydon Bois. David Sullivan, proprietor of the lurid but lucrative Sport newspapers, has become a proud father. The happy gurglings of David Edward Kenneth Sullivan are now echoing through Sullivan Towers, a E7 million mansion resplendent with zebra-covered banquettes. The mother has been identified as Emma Benton-Hughes. "She's not



 A CHANGE of (London) address card arrives from Lord St John of Fansley, listing the number of his "electric telephone".

#### Leaky John

EARLY reports that Elton John is to receive a knighthood in the New Year's Honours List have disturbed Buck House. Not only is such a momentous award to be bestowed upon a mere song and dance man but news of his elevation began to leak a fortnight ago. Previous Governments have maintained a strict embargo. The Palace has suspicions about the source of the leaks. "I would speak to No 10 about it," suggested a spokesman. Downing Street was being particularly coy for once. "We will address the issue of a leak." Just don't expect a terribly far-reaching inquiry by that nice Alastair Campbell.



● AN ACTRESS whose energetic manoeuvres light up the latest James Bond saga has become a heroine in her native Denmark Cecile Thompson, who puts 007 through his linguistic paces in Tomorrow Never Dies, has been chosen by the Nordic tourist board as the face of Denmark for an advertising campaign. Denmark is very proud because Bond girls have always been Swedish, Norwegian or Russian," she says. Never again, I suspect-Happy New Year.

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**MAYHEM AND MOI** 

Kenya's only sensible course is to hold fresh elections

week's presidential, parliamentary and local government elections have been a disgrace. The campaign itself may have been less violent than was that for Kenya's first multiparty elections in 1992, although people have still been intimidated, gassed and killed and thugs organised by the roling Kanu party have made some parts of the country no-go areas for opposition candidates. The bill may be less ruinous than it was in 1992, when President Daniel arap Moi is estimated to have spent the equivalent of \$250 million. four times the cost of President Clinton's reelection campaign, and financed it by running the printing presses. But the Government has announced unaffordable pay rises for the public sector; and there has been massive vote-buying, particularly by Kamu, in a blatant attempt to settle the outcome well ahead of polling day.

The elections were thus never going to be "free and fair" by any reasonable criteria. What has reduced them to a farce, however, is the chaos at the polling booths. Kenyans turned out on Monday in far higher numbers than had been predicted, given the poor prospects of unseating Mr Moi, only to find polling stations shut because ballot papers and boxes had not arrived or election officials had failed to turn up. Many opened hours late or not at all, and when they did, many electoral rolls were incomplete.

As complaints poured in, Kenya's formally independent Election Commission extended voting into Tuesday in constituencies affected by "logistical" problems. But this only increased the confusion because it did not say where voting was to continue, where it had ended, or when vote-counting could start in different parts of the country. The instruction, in any case, never reached most rural areas, and even yesterday, many stations still had no ballot papers. Used as they know, wounded beasts are dangerous.

Even by the miserable standards that are to being bribed and browbeaten, Kenyan Kenyans have become accustomed to, this voters have this time been insulted beyond endurance. No one ascribes this to mere incompetence. As the respected Daily Nation delicately put it, these "Chaplinesque" failures have been so widespread and so varied as to raise suspicions concerning the honesty of the exercise".

Mr Moi himself has joined the chorus of opposition complaints and accused the commission of rigging the elections. If he believes that, he ought immediately to have annulled the elections and ordered a rerun. It is of course possible that his anger is genuine, that he fears that incompetence has upset well-laid Kanu plans to "organise" the vote. But since Kanu officials have ruled out cancellation, the President's claim that the rigging was "in favour of the Opposition" rings hollow. The truth is more likely to be that Mr Moi is confident of victory, at least in the presidential race, judging that the Opposition is so divided that he stands to win even if most Kenyans vote against him. Recognising that malpractice cannot this time be denied, he may be aiming to calm popular anger by shifting the blame on to the commission.

For Kenya, his cynicism could be perilous. This has been a bitter electoral battle in a country that is broke, shorn of illusions and impatient for real reform. That is why crowds have flocked to Charity Ngilu, the fearless presidential candidate who stands out as untainted in a country where corruption is endemic. After last summer's violent suppression of demonstrations, Mr Moi was forced to bend to demands for constitutional reform but, with constituency boundaries drawn in Kanu's favour and up to three million young voters likely to vote for the Opposition left off the new register, these have meant little in practice. If hope is denied, violence could return. As Kenyans

STEADY, EDDIE

The Governor should resist raising interest rates further

Governors of the Bank of England are paid to be cryptic. The biggest sin for a Governor — as bad as a Chancellor giving away Budget secrets - is to let slip an opinion on the future direction of interest rates. So it was that City traders pored over Eddie George's interview on the Today programme yesterday for runic hints as to which way rates would go. By the evening they were still unsure would the economy slow down of its own accord, or was the Governor planning to help it to do so with a rate rise?

What is uncontestable is that the economy needs to slow down in 1998. It cannot keep up the past year's rate of growth without a resurgence of inflation. But the critical question is whether interest rates need to rise still further — on top of the five increases since the general election — or whether the action taken so far will prove to be enough to produce a slowdown without a recession: what economists like to call a "soft landing".

Mr George sees risks on both sides. If rates are not raised again, there is the risk of inflation. If they are, there is the risk of recession. The balance between the two risks, however, should not be seen as equal. It makes more sense to err on the side of optimism, to assume that inflation is a lesser danger than recession.

Almost all the economic indicators point that way. Consumer spending before Christmas was modest — and if it picks up in the sales, that shows that bargain-hunting is still the prevalent mentality, a healthy sign for inflation. House prices are growing only slowly, and the increase is predicted to actions take effect

flatten out next year. Yesterday's figures on mortgage lending confirm that the housing market is calming down.

Meanwhile, exports are beginning to suffer as a result of the pound's strength. which is proving a less temporary phenomenon than many in the City had expected. And the crisis in the Far East is likely to have a deflationary effect on all Western economies over the coming year.

It may also be time to reassess our assumptions about how much unemploy-United States, economists spent years falsely predicting a return of inflation because they did not believe that the economy could function healthily with unemployment at such low levels. Similarly, many economists here were suggesting a year ago that unemployment could fall no further without inflation taking hold. It has, and prices are still under control.

It looks as if the supply-side measures taken by the Conservatives really have reduced the safe rate of unemployment. And the Welfare to Work programme may cut it still further. But there is no way of testing how low it can fall if bankers continue to work on old assumptions, and raise interest rates before the bottom has been reached.

Mr George and his Monetary Policy Committee have so far taken the right decisions. We trust that they will continue to do so in 1998. The peak in interest rates should by now have been reached. The Bank can afford to sit back and watch its past

STAFF OF LIFE

In the British breadbin less consumption means more choice

Today that sounds like a statistic from a nutritionist. But in 1948 it was the sign that the lean years of hunger were finally coming to an end. Now that 50 years have passed, the choice of our daily bread is greater than ever but its place on our tables less conspicuous.

Other rationed goods such as butter and sugar, meat and marmalade were missed more keenly. But Corporal Joneses also kept bread "under the counter".

And the Ministry of Food

invented Petato Pete to encourage people to eat one of the few foods not in short supply. His recipes on the Kitchen Front recommended mashed potato sandwiches.

Even after the war, rations were cut again. Supplies of essential foods now had to be shared with the liberated buit. starying continental countries. Rationing, high taxes and shortages had bitten deep into the way of life of the average family. Britons had reduced their consumption

of food to four-fifths of their peacetime level. To ration bread, one of the oldest and cheapest forms of Western food, was as serious as it was in ancient Rome. So the return of white bread without coupons instead of the gritty, grey "Austerity" loaf,

was a national foodmark. Since 1948 consumption of bread has more than halved. Today Economist statistics estimate the weekly household consumption of bread in Great Britain at 758 grammes per person. Bread now represents 4 per cent of domestic spending on food, costing £1,991

Fifty years ago bread rationing was ended. million a year. For 50 years ago you should treble that percentage and the amounts in pounds avoirdupois and sterling in real terms. In 1948 a "doorstep" of bread with a scrape of dripping was a healthy treat to make the mouth water. Today it would give the nanny state a heart attack. Fifty years ago sliced bread was a novel luxury. But by 1981 Sainsbury's ran a campaign that added to British idiom: The best thing since the invention of sliced bread -

unsliced bread." If bread has declined as a percentage of the household budget and as padding for the diet of the growing child, it has branched out into a thousand designer bakes. Such traditional loaves as the the bloomer and the split-tin survive. But to them have been added the French baguette, the German pumpernickel, and the Italian ciabatta or "slipper" bread, stuffed with olives or sun-

dried tomatoes. Today bread

comes in shapes and grains undreamed of 50 years ago. Poppadums and chapatis are among the most popular varieties of bread, just as curry has replaced roast beef (especially on the bone) as the traditional English dish.

Bread will probably continue to rise for the next 50 years, in variety if not in volume of sales or importance to the national diet. More choice will provide breads for all tastes and fads. Man still does not live by bread alone. But, in spite of the priggish strictures of the nutritional bores, he will have an everincreasing choice of his daily bread.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Main obstacle to Ulster stability

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer

Sir, You rightly compliment the Northern Ireland Secretary on having "wisely but belatedly" acknowledged the need to "move quickly to rebuild confidence among Northern Ireland's peaceable pro-Union majority" (leadng article, December 29). That peaceable majority has felt increasingly de-serted, particularly since the disas-trous statement by Peter Brooke, then Northern Ireland Secretary, in a speech on November 9, 1990, that the Covernment had "no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern

This was certainly interpreted by the IRA and by Irish nationalists generally as meaning that the Govern-ment no longer cared about sovereigniy, and the stream of concessions to republicans during the current political talks has helped to convince everyone, Unionists and nationalists alike, that that interpretation was correct.

In the background stands the Constitution of the Republic, which states that "the national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland". It is intolerable that we should have representatives of the Dublin Government taking part in discussions on the future of a part of our country when they already lay claim to jurisdiction over it.

Furthermore, these representatives have their hands tied by the decision of the Dublin Supreme Court in March 1990 that "the reintegration of the national territory is a constitutional imperative". Genuine discussions between the Republic and the United Kingdom are thus rendered impos-

In the Downing Street declaration of December 15, 1993, the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland made "a solemn commitment to promote co-operation ... on the basis of ... obligations under international agreements" (report, December 16, 1993). The Irish claim to British territory is not only incompatible with the Republic's membership of the European Union but patently contravenes the provi-

sions of the Helsinki Agreement. The most important single action that our new Government could take to re-establish political stability in Northern Ireland is to persuade the Dublin Government to adopt an ethical foreign policy in conformity with the Downing Street declaration and to repudiate its illegal claim to British

The United Kingdom is about to pean Union. Can we now hope for speedy action in Brussels to end a constitutional absurdity that has no place in the Europe of 1998?

Yours faithfully, J. F. Q. SWITZER, Sidney Sussex College Cambridge CB2 3HU. December 30.

territory.

Maze inquiry From Mr Oliver A. W. Lodge

Sir, Appointing HM Chief Inspector of Prisons to conduct an inquiry into security at the Maze prison (report, December 30) is certainly a positive step, but it cannot be for him to attribute ultimate responsibility when the prison authorities have already recognised specific deficiencies by introducing random searches of cells. Is no one going to resign, or is it a wait-and-see-who-gets-blamed policy?

One does not have to have an elephantine memory to recollect that before coming to office the Labour Party firmly held the view that ministers, indeed Cabinet ministers, should resign when serious breaches of prison security arose. May we know what has changed their minds?

Yours faithfully. OLIVER A. W. LODGE. 2 Nimrod Road, SW16 6SY. December 30.

Prison education

From Dr Paul G. Ellis

Sir, May I suggest a further step beyond Joel Parkes's suggestion [article, Law, December 16; letters, December 22) of offering prisoners the option of studying for an educational qualifica-tion as a condition for a lesser

Why not go the whole way - pris-oners qualify for earlier release not merely by studying for an educational qualification, but by educating themselves into an improved, approved and appropriate career/job offer which will enable them not only to support themselves, but to do so better than formerly?

Yours faithfully PAUL G. ELLIS. c/o City University Business School. Sebastian Street, ECIV OJA. pellis@city.ac.uk

Home births

From Mr Paul Ketteridge

Sir, The nursing home I was born in (letters, December 16, 22) is now an old people's home. No doubt they will have me back.

Yours faithfully. PAUL KETTERIDGE, Bankside Cottage, 7 Church Street, North Marston MK18 3PH. December 27.

The Church's role in hunting debate

hunting one Good Friday had a cross

between its antiers is said to have

caused him to enter the cloister and

duly become Bishop of Liege, but it

seems that this may not have inter-

I once visited a small country

church in southwest France at the time

of his feast day, November 3, and was interested to see branches of greenery

stacked against the altar, together

Vine Cottage, Fressingfield, Eye, Suffolk 1P2l 5PA.

Sir, Many will share the bishops' view

that how we treat animals is a moral

question. It has nothing to do with what the law allows or forbids. Even the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act,

which many had hoped would protect many species, classifies them accord-

Hence foxes are pursued because

they threaten livestock. Myxomatosis

(which has caused untold suffering to

millions of rabbits) was arguably

introduced when arable farming was

financially threatened. Badgers.

another protected species, are not allowed to threaten valuable milk sup-plies. The export of calves, which has

seen widespread public condemna-

tion, exists for economic reasons. Even

the beef crisis is discussed not so much

in terms of animal suffering as of the

(quite justifiable) concern for farm

Every species is given its price. Let us not pretend otherwise.

32 Upper Street, Salisbury SP2 8LY.

Sir, I am sorry that Bishop Montefiore (letter, December 26) should see the fate of the fox and of the battery hen in

either/or terms. Surely, as a good

Anglican, he should have seen this as

a both/and matter and signed both the

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY G. PHILLIPS.

From the Reverend Canon

Brian Hebblethwaite

letters you published.

BRIAN HEBBLETHWAITE.

Yours faithfully,

livelihoods.

From Mr Anthony G. Phillips

ing to their economic value.

with a large pair of antiers.

Yours faithfully,

BINDA LARGE,

fered with his subsequent hunting.

From Mr N. R. Cowling

Sir. According to the RSPCA, "at least 200,000 foxes are killed every year by shooting, snaring or road accidents. Only about 15,000 are killed by hunting." (Times advertisement, November 17). The Archbishop of Wales and his

colleagues (letter, December 26) urge the Government to legislate against hunting, which accounts for about 7 per cent of violent fox deaths, even though this would cause unemployment and homelessness. They express no concern for the 93 per cent of loxes which meet painful and terrifying deaths by means other than hunting.

Meanwhile I have seen it estimate that the largely urban and suburban pet cats of Britain kill about 70 million wild birds every year. Unlike the fox, many of these are in declining populations because of man's relentless exploitation of their habitats.

Is there any chance of a pamphlet from the Christian Socialist Movement on the place of wild birds in modern Britain and the ethics of keeping cats?

Yours faithfully. N. R. COWLING, Easdon Cottage, Long Lane. Manaton, Newton Abbot TQ13 9XB. December 28.

From Mr Paul M. Cooper

Sir. I am a churchgoer in a rural community that has used the horse for transport, agriculture and pleasure for many generations. The Christian Socialist Movement, based in London, should surely be a unifying and nondivisive organisation.

In this normally tolerant land what has happened to freedom of choice hunting. T-bone steaks, doorsteps?

Yours etc. PAUL M. COOPER, Millstream Cottage, Mill Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire YOI8 8DJ. December 26.

From Mrs Binda Large

Sir. The Archbishop of Wales and others refer to the 8th-century French bishop, St Hubert, who was prompted by his Christian vocation to renounce deerhunting as a sport". This would appear most unlikely since St Hubert, in the Roman Catholic world. continues to be patron of huntsmen.

The legend that the stag he was

ber 24) should not be overlooked.

Doorstep ban

Queens' College Cambridge CB3 9ET. December 26. mated level of the "once in 100 years"

stormwater flood. Furthermore,

stormwater in Australian urban street From Professor John R. Argue drainage systems is separated from Sir, I was amazed to read of new regufoul water flows. The best explanation for the survi-

lations announced by the Construc-tion Minister, Nick Raynsford, to val of British households in the face of make "level thresholds" mandatory on urban flooding is undoubtedly the doorstep which, in technical parlance, all new homes (report, December 5; letters, December 12). While the prime represents a sound form of "floodreason for the change - wheelchair access - is undoubtedly laudable, the The Victorian engineers and buildserious consequences for flooding of ers, as in so many other instances of floors at ground level (letter. Decem-

urban infrastructure, knew very well what they were about. Surely, today's Underground sewers which carry professionals can solve the problem of "foul" water and stormwater in Britwheelchair access without comproain are designed, typically, to overflow mising the flood security of British "once in two years" to "once in five years", that is between 20 and 50 times households? Mr Raynsford's new regulations need to await such a per century. Ground-level floors would experience much greater risk of solution. entry by highly polluted water than Yours faithfully,

now probably easier to get petits pois d la française in England than in

The French no longer seem to want to eat vegetable dishes, and their

meals are the poorer for it. They have

also taken to piling everything on the

plate, whereas they used to serve it

separately, bringing the dish in which

it had been cooked to the table so that

one could help oneself - and wipe

It is still a pleasure to eat in

France, but nothing like the pleasure it

one's bread round in the gravy.

Yours faithfully,

65/66 Regency Square,

Brighton, Sussex BNI 2FF.

W. A. LOW,

December 23.

"stepped" floors, particularly in "row" JOHN R. ARGUE Associate Professor of Water Engineering, University of South Australia), Australian practice in this matter (Institution of Engineers, Australia) is for floor levels of domestic, commerc/o 36 Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2FO. cial and public buildings to be set at least 300mm (1 foot) above the esti-December 29.

France.

Tables turned

From Mr W. A. Low

Sir, The changes in French eating habits which you report in your paper today (Parisians desert restaurants as London turns the tables") are not new in my experience.

Ten years ago I was lamenting in a restaurant in Coulon in the Vendée that the lunch I had had was nothing like as good as one I had eaten three years before. The proprietor agreed, saying that the French were no longer prepared to spend either the time or the money on eating. This was not the only restaurant where this explanaion was given.

Eating in France has changed out of all recognition in the last 40 years. It is

Jacob of Ancona From Dr Amin Tibi

Sir, Professor John Larner (letter, December 23) seems to find it unbelievable that Jacob of Ancona took a caravan in 1270 from Acre (then in the hands of the Crusaders) to Damascus,

with which Acre was at war. May I remind him that Ibn Jubayr, a traveller and man of letters from al-Andalus (Muslim Spain), accompanied such a caravan from Damascus to Acre in 1183. Jubayr tells us that Muslim caravans and Christian merchants frequently travelled between the two cities without any difficulty or hindrance. In a well known remark, often quoted by historians of the Crusades, he says that "the warriors are preoccupied with their war, the people are at ease and the world belongs to the winner".

Yours faithfully. AMIN TIBI. 15 Netherwoods Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 8HF. December 25.

From Professor J. F. Lazenby

Sir, I can assure Professor Larner that there is absolutely no reason why someone sailing the Adriatic in 1270 should not have used the expression we made wings of our oars"

The metaphorical use of "wings" for oars goes back at least as far as Homer, some 2,000 years before Dante.

Teiresias tells Odysseus to find a shipless people who have "no oars, which are like wing feathers to ships' (Odyssey XI).

Yours faithfully, J. F. LAZENBY. University of Newcastle, Department of Classics. Newcastle upon Tyne NEI 7RU. December 23.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number --0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk Complaint of flaw in honours system

From Mr John B. J. Lidstone

Sir, Simon Jenkins (December 27) despairs of the present honours system. When John Major's "classless" society failed to bring about any change, I hoped that the "people's" Prime Minister might improve matters. But his first list was just as flawed as those of

his predecessor.

By my calculation over 55 per cent of those on it received honours which

went with the job. The Queen set a good example at the beginning of her reign by abolishing the presentation at court of young women of no virtue other than some times their family background, but more often the depth of their purses, and greedy, impoverished dowagers willing to make a bob or two by spon-

Only two categories of person should be honoured: those who have performed some signal service be-yond their duty or job and those who have shown outstanding heroism no one else.

Yours faithfully JOHN LIDSTONE, East Lodge, 2 Orchard Fields, Fleet, Hampshire GUI3 8SN. December 29.

Spirit of giving

From Mrs R. Emmett

Sir, I was interested in your article of December 17 on the imaginative Heifer Project for US citizens who want to donate presents rather than money to Third World families (see also letter. December 22).

I recently learned of another way in which North Americans show concern for, and give assistance to, the less fortunate. When a couple marry, if both bride and groom have previously been living independently and enter the marriage with two of everything, it is becoming the trend for them to suggest donations to charities or gifts to the Third World, in lieu of

wedding presents. No doubt this idea will wend its way across the Atlantic to Britain . . . even here, two toasters are sufficient for two people!

Yours faithfully. R. EMMETT, E14 Pine Grange, Bath Road, Bournemouth BHI 2PL.

Gift or loan?

From Mr Peter J. K. Tither

Sir. I hesitate to contradict the author of Debrett's New Guide to Etiquette and Modern Manners, quoted by Grace Bradberry in "The end of the affair" (December 18). However, the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970 provides that gifts between engaged couples, including the ring, are only presumed (my italics) to be absolute gifts.

Evidence rebutting that presumption may show gifts to be conditional. for example upon marriage, in which case they may be recovered by law. under the Married Women's Property Act and otherwise.

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Yours faithfully. PETER J. K. TITHER, The Old Bakery. Cydweli, Carmarthenshire S17 4UU.

Dome spectacular

From Mr Derek W. Moss

Sir, The proposal to scrap the 12,000seat auditorium in the Millennium Dome for a piazza visible from "all corners" of the dome (News in brief, December 24) will create an intriguing engineering conundrum. A dome with corners will be a unique millennium experience in itself.

Yours faithfully, D. W. MOSS, Beechwood, Box Lane, Bovingdon, Hertfordshire MP3 ODS. December 29.

From Mr Robin Dyke

Sir, Surely the new M logo for the year 2000 (report and photograph, December 29) should have been MM. Or would that double the £25,000 fee?

Yours faithfully, ROBIN DYKÉ Gore House, Warborough OX10 7DB. robin\_dyke@compuserve.com

Stitches in time

December 29.

From Mr David Shamash

Sir, Something useful to do on Wednesday evening while waiting for mid-night: write 98 into the date space on the next dozen cheques in your own

Yours faithfully, DAVID SHAMASH, 34 Floral Street, WCZE 9DJ. December 30.

Plastic padding

From Mr Philip Smith

December 30.

Sir. I now have 35 bank, cash, debit, credit, store, loyalty, airmiles, security and identity cards in my wallet. Where will it all end?

Yours faithfully, PHILIP SMITH, 15 Pyotts Hill, Old Basing RG24 8AR.

#### **SOCIAL NEWS**

The Princess Royal, Honorary Fellow, The Royal Society of Medicine, will give a lecture and attend a reception, at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London WI on January 7.

#### Birthdays today

Mr Douglas Anthony, CH. former Australian Deputy Prime Minister, 68; Mr Glanvill Benn, publisher, 92: Sir George Blunden, former Deputy Governor, Bank of England, 75; Mr Michael Bonallack, golfer, 63; Sir George Christie, chairman, Glyndebourne Productions. 63. Mr Stephen Cleobury. organist, 49; Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 85: Mr Roy Greenslade, former Editor Daily Mirror, 51; Sir Anthony Hopkins, actor, 60: Miss Tess Jaray, artist, 60; Mr Ben Kingsley, actor, 54; Mr Sandy Marshall, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 73; Dr Valerie Pearl. former President, New Hall, Cambridge, 71; Mr Jean-Pierre Rives, former rugby player, 45; Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman, Williams Holdings, 51; Sir John Sainty, former Clerk of the Parliaments, 63: Mr Alex Salmond, MP. 43; Sir David Walker, former chairman. Securities and Investments Board, 58.

#### University news

University of

The university has awarded honorary degrees to the following: Mr Peter Keliner, political commentator for The Observer and the Evening Standard - Doctor of

Mr Keith Gardner, former Principal of Oaklands College, Hertfordshire — Master of Science Mr David Pannick, QC, Recorder and Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford — Doctor of Laws Professor Sir Harry Kroto, FRS, joint winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, 1996 - Doctor of

Mr Alec Moir, chairman of Oscar Faber, consulting engineers -Doctor of Science

Mr John Guppy, visiting research fellow of the university, formerly of British Aerospace - Master of Baroness Young of Old Scone, Chief Executive of the Royal Soci-

ety for the Protection of Birds -

Doctor of Science Mr Stan Tracey, jazz pianist and composer — Doctor of Letters Sir Norman Lindop, formerly Director of Hatfield Polytechnic and Principal of Hatfield College of Technology, antecedents of the university — Doctor of Science Ms Adrienne Finch, radiographer

Master of Science Joan Greenwood, former Midwifery Officer at the Ministry of Health — Doctor of Science Sir Herbert Laming, former Director of Social Services for Hertfordshire - Doctor of Science Dr Frank Baker, former Principal of West Herts College of Further Education - Master of Science

#### Latest wills

Arnold Hastings Laver, company director, of Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at John Arthur Bernard Keeling, of

Sedlescombe. East Sussex left estate valued at £5.466,503 net. He left £10,000 to St Michael's Hospice Deveopment Trust of St Leonards-on-Sea: £5,000 to the Roman Catholic Church at Battle. Richard Laurence Reekie, of Newport, Isle of Wight, left estate valued at El.159,486 met. Albert Norman Robinson, of West

Wittering, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,278,133 net. Deborah Clare Schag-Mostefiore, of Warborough, Oxford-shire, left estate valued at £309,463

Edith Rowena Jocelyn Stewart, of London SW7, left estate valued at £1,069,284 net.

John Samuel Tee, chartered surveyor, of London SEI, left estate valued at £1,120,099 net. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Hoult Trever, of Piccadilly, London WI, eft estate valued at £1,329,257 net. Desmond Charles Waldron, of Lustleigh, Devon, left estate valued

at £1,008,010 net.

He left £1,000 each to Macmillan Fund for Nurses, Plymouth Cats and Dogs Home and the South West Children's Hospice. The Rev Basil John Woodd, of at £572,856 net.

shire, left estate valued at £538,175

Reginald Henry Bury, of Christchurch, Dorset, left estate valued at £844,830 net.

Furness, Cumbria, left estate val-Gertrude Margaret Dossor, of Dunnington, York, left estate val-

£508,227 net.

Geoffrey William Palmer, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £457.233 net. Renie Radford, of South Sheffield. left estate valued at £858,598 net. Freda Elsa Newland, of Edgbas-

ued at £619.637 net.

Walter Pinckard, of Leicester, left state valued at E846,521 net. Verity Sylvia Pease, of Hanley Castle, Hereford and Worcester. left estate valued at £725,735 net. She left shares in her residuary estate to the Brooke Animal Hospital Animal Cairo; World Wildlife Fund and RSPB.

Eric Arthur Summerhill James, of ESS3.674 net. Mary Frances Theodora Lestie, of

Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £559,085 net. Christian Gerard Timperley Berridge, of Winchester, Hamp-shire, left estate valued at £544,704 left £500 to the Parish Church of awley, near Winchester.

Harold Frank Gamblin, of Southampton, left estate valued at Richard Edward Millard, of

Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire left estate valued at £536,591 Maidenhead, Berkshire, left estate valued at E518,241 net.

Winifred Christine Baxter Nimmo, of Hove, East Sussex, left estate valued at £508.632 net. Renée Barbara Violet O'Brien, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckingham-

She left £500 each to the Church of St Mary Magdalen. Oxford, Keston College and Church in Danger. Benjamin Frederick Douglas
Haywood, of Rotherham, South
Yorkshire, left estate valued at min, Cornwall, left estate valued at

## The night sky in January

By MICHAEL J. HENDRIE ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star of 0 magnitude and can be seen until mid-month low in southeastern twilight before sunrise. It reaches greatest western elongation from the Sun (23 degrees) on the 6thwhen it rises an hour and a half before the Sun.

Venus begins the new year as a brilliant evening star but within a few days will be too close to the Sun for observation, reaching inferior con-junction on the l6th, when it passes between the Earth and Sun. The -4.5 magnitude planet will reappear in the southeastern morning sky. It will become a prominent object during February and March before moving back into morning twilight for the next six months. After superior conjunction in October Venus will become an evening star again, but it will be low and in twilight until the end of the year. Moon to the south on the 26th-27th.

Mars is 1.2 magnitude and moving steadily eastwards igainst the stars, passing from Capricornus into Aquarius during January. It sets about two hours after the Sun and should be visible in southwestern twilight throughout the month. Moon to the north on the 1st and

Jupiter also moves from Capricornus into Aquarius during January, the -2.0 magnitude planet setting only an hour and a half after sunse by the 31st. Moon to the north on the 1st and 29th, Mars close by about the 20th. Saturn is in Pisces and 0.7

magnitude. By end January it will be setting before 23h. Moon nearby on the 5th. Uranus in Capricornus and reaches conjunction with the Sun on the 28th. It will not be

observable this month. Neptune is in Sagitarius and in conjunction on the 19th. The Moon: first quarter 5d

14h, full Moon 12d 17h, last quarter 20d 20h, new Moon The Earth: reaches perihelion, its closest to the Sun, on

4d 21h (147 million km). Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 00m and on the 31st at 16h 45m while sunrise is at 08h 08m and 07h 40m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight ends at 18h 05m and 18h 45m early and late in the month and begins again at 06h 05m and 05h 45m.

Algol, the eclipsing variable star in Perseus. fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours taking about five hours to fade and another five hours

Jacques Cartier, navigator, St

Malo, Brittany, 1491; Her-

mann Boerhaave, physician,

Voorhout, near Leiden, 1668;

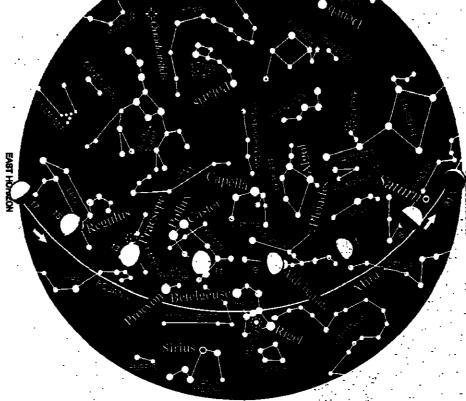
Charles Edward Stuart, (Bonnie Prince Charlie),

Rome, 1720; Charles Cornwal-

lis, 1st Marquess Cornwallis,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:



SOUTH HORIZON

depends on the Earth's pos-

ition as well as that of Mercu-

ry. Venus's orbit is almost

The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the lannude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 2lh (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Creenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of

It can be seen when faint this month about 12d 03h, 14d 23h and 17d 21h. The Quadrantids meteor shower varies in activity from

year to year, but is worth looking out for just in case a strong shower develops. The position of the radiant, from where the meteors appear to come, is shown on the chart. Maximum activity is due on the evening of the 3rd. The radiant is near the northern horizon for much of the night. The Moon will not be too intrusive. Mercury is not often seen

by most of us, though those ith a good view of the horizon, perhaps from a hilltop or over the sea may see a bright object from time to time, without realising that it is Mercury. Several factors make it much harder to see than the other inner planet. Venus. It is much fainter. about -1.5 magnitude at brightest and +3 at faintest while Venus varies only between -3.8 and -4.6. Mercury's greatest elongations from the Sun (greatest apparent distance) vary between 18 and 28 degrees, mainly because of its more elongated orbit: how far

London, 1738; Giovanni

Pascoli, poet, San Mauro di

Romagna, 1855; Henri Ma-

tisse, painter, Le Cateau,

France, 1869; George C. Mar-

shall, general, statesman, for-

mulated Marshall Aid, Nobel

Peace laureate 1953, Union-

Giovanni Borelli, mathemati-

soldier and statesman, cian and astronomer, Rome. Campbell, land and water

town, Pennsylvania, 1880.

DEATHS:

Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the borizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is be bright twilight by the time to regain normal brightness. from the Sun we see it

> circular so every greatest elon-gation is about the same, 46-47 degrees. There are several other factors that make different apparitions more or less Mercury takes 116 days from superior conjunction to superior conjunction, when the Earth, the Sun and Mercury line up in that order. In that time there will be one morning and one evening apparition, or in a whole year

between six and seven com-

plete apparitions. In 1998 there will four morning and three evening apparitions. The opportunity for seeing these from the British Isles with the naked eye can be roughly graded. In the morning: January (good), April-May (unobservable), August-September (fair) and December (very good). In the evening, March (very good), June-July (poor). October November (unobservable). One's latitude, depending on season, affects visibility. An unobstructed view of the hori-20n, and a clear transparent sky are needed. As there will

1679, Sir Dudley North, finan-

cier, London, 1691; John

Flamsteed, 1st Astronomer

Royal 1675-1719, London, 1719;

Gustave Courbet, painter, La

Tour de Peilz, Switzerland,

1877; Miguel de Unamuno,

philosopher and poet, Sala-

manca, Spain, 1936; Sir Frank

Benson, actor-manager,

London, 1939; Sir Malcolm

Mercury becomes visible, a dark site is not necessary, though it helps not to have bright lights shining in one's eyes. Mercury can be surprisingly bright, as bright as Sirius, but the absorption of the atmosphere near the borizon dims it and any extra haze or cloud can hide it completely. The sky is often very clear after frost rain, snow or strong winds, and often much

less so in settled, calm weather. From the tropics, especially in clear desert and ntain regions, seeing Mercury at most apparitions has never been a problem. ☐ The Times Night Sky 1998

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speed record-breaker, Reigate, Surrey, 1948. Ellis Island, New York, was

opened as an immigration depot, 1890. The chimes of Big Ben were broadcast by the BBC for the

The farthing ceased to be legal tender in Britain at midnight.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr M.W. Adams and Miss E.C. Moody

The engagement is announced between Mark William, son of Commander and Mrs William Adams, of Longwick, Buckinghamshire, and Erica Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Moody, of Beacons-field, Buckinghamshire. Mr P.D. Andrews

and Miss J.C. Ricc The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mrand Mrs David Andrews, of Alvechurch, Worcestershire, and Joanna Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr Nigel Rice, of London, and Mrs Lindy Cumming, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr J.C. Bannerman and Miss A.J.P. Kerr The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Henry Campbell Bannerman, of Tunbridge Wells, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kerr, of Claybrooke Magna, Leicestershire. Mr P.D. FarGerald

and Miss C.S. Hanson The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael FitzGerald, and Camilla, younger daughter of Mr Russell Hanson and Mrs John

Mr N.D. Green and Miss L.T. Vessey The engagement is announced between Nathamel son of Dr George and Mrs Margaret Greene of Hong Kong, and Louisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Vessey, of Eton College.

Mr E.C.M. Homphrey and Miss S.J. Wolfe-Murray The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Marcus Humphrey, of Dinnet, Aberdeenshire,

Serena, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Wolfe-Murray and of Mrs Jacqueline Wolfe-Murray. Mr D.P.B. Maile and Miss.S.M. Lane Fox The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr Donald Maile and the late Mrs Dorothy Maile, of Norwich, Norfolk, and Serena, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Edward Lane Fox, of Caulcott, Oxfordshire. and Miss S.M. Barraclough The engagement is announced between Charlie, elder son of the late Major A.J. Mann and the late Mrs E.P.F. de Plumpton Hunter, of Horncliffe, Northumberland and Susannah, only daughter of

Mrs Thomas Barraclough, Sydling St Nicholas, Dorset

Mr J.C. Higgs and Miss S. Hollow The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Higgs, of Headington, Oxford, and Susan, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John Hollowood, of

Helmsley, North Yorkshire. Mr O.J. Middleton and Miss S.A. Hayes The engagement is announced between Orrin John, elder son of

Mr and Mrs Stuart Middleton, of Goudhurst Kent, and Sally Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Brian Hayes, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Mr T.D.D. Philips and Miss S.P. Neshitt

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The engagement is announced, between Dalton, son of Mr and, Mrs T.D. Philips, of Ballingcools Glenealy, Co Wicklow, Ireland and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R. Nesbitt, of 33 Waterlood Road, Dublin 4, Ireland. Mr R. Roy

and Miss LJ, Eastburg The engagement is announced; between Robin, son of Dr and Miga-P.K. Roy. of Upper Layham, A. Suffolk, and Lucy, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs A.F. Eastburn. of Ashtead, Surrey. Mr R.E. Southall and Miss R.J.E. Jeffreys

The engagement is announced to between Richard, elder son of Mat. Richard Southall, offs Leckhampstead and the late Miss. Jane Southall, and Rachel, Joun-gest daughter of Mr and Mrs. George Jeffreys, of Newhouse.

Dr R.D. Viney and Miss R.J. Beswick The engagement is announced between Roger David, only son of the David Viney, of Chichester, the Chichester, t West Sussex, and Mrs Marylit Viney, of Swaby, Lincolnshire, and I-Rebecca Jane, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs Bobbie Beswick, of 12

Mr B.W.J.T. Wright and Miss C.M. Pritchett The engagement is announced between Benedict, younger son of Mr Mark Wright, of Powys, and H Mrs Caroline Wright, of Dorrington, Shropshire, androg Clare, elder daughter of Lieutenant; A Colonel and Mrs Cyril Pritchett, of g

Marriage

Mr D. Rich and Mrs J. Atherton The marriage took place quietly, in 1) Cheshire, on December 19, 1997, g between Donald Rich and Janeto; Atherton, nee Van Noyen.

#### Church news

The Rev David Abbert, Team Vicar, Turbridge Wells Si James w. C. Philip Rodester): to best provided w Bourne End (St Albans). Canon Jane Austin, Curate, Tonbridge St Peter and St Paul (Rochester): to be Priestin-Charge, Meltham Christ the King (Wakefield).

The Rev Jon Bell, Vicar Durham St Cuthbert (Durham): to be also Rector, Witton Gilbert (same diocese) — following a decision by the Queen that the benefices of Durham St Cuthbert and Witton Gilbert should be held in plurality. The Rev Elaine Constantine, Assistant Curate, Leighton Buzzard w Eggington, Hock-liffe and Billington (St Al-bans): to be Team Vicar, Dunstable (same diocese).

The Rev Patrick Coombs, Assistant Curate, Goodrington St George (Exeter): to be Visas Sheffield St Cumbert (Sheffield St Cumbert (Sh field). The Rev Adam Dickens, Assis

tant Curate. Pershore Holy Cross w Pinvin, Wick Birlingham (Worcester): to be Assistant Curate, Porisea St Mary with special 15 bility for St Faith (Ports

Retirement The Rev Thomas Wright, Rec. tor, Denston w Stradishalia and Stansfield (St Edmunds bury & Ipswich) to retire today.

Other appointments Captain Ray Trudgett (CA) to be Lay Chaplain, Missions to Seamen, South Shield (Durham) (Durham).

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# PERSONAL COLUMN

AUSTIN - On December 21st to Claire and Stuart, a precious son, Alexander James.

CARBECHAEL - On December 23rd to Elizabeth and William a son, George Frederick David, a bnother for Thomas.

for Thomas.

CHAMMERIAN - On December
22ad to Julia (née Pollock)
and Digby, a son, Edward
Digby.

CHAMCELLOR - On December
22ad at home, to Caron (née
Carvill) and lanes, a
daughter Saskia Georgina, a
brokher for Est. CHEVERS - On December 26th in Jessey to Sally (note Greey) and Angus, a son, George Edward.

GREES - On June 28th at The Fortland Hospital to Sandra and Rom, a daughter, Sankia Coralie, a sister for Francesca and Alexander. GERRS - On December 27th at St Thomas' to Francise (née Preston) and Alam, a son, Alfred Andrew Vicary, a brother for Leo and Fleur. KENNAWAY - On December 20th to Caroline (nee Wellace) and David, a daughter, Esthwhite Jane, a sister for Edward. KINGELEY - On 36th September to Rachel and Michael, a wonderful son, William Mark.

LINDSAY - On 29th December at the hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Lucy (née Davenhill) and Ledovic, a son, Meriin Edward.

MARRIMER-GOLDSCHMINT - On December 28th to Gall and Martin, a son, James. Thatake to Mr Smith and the staff at the Lindo Wing.

McCAHOM - On 24th December to Eelen (née Wybrew) and David, a son, Patrick George, a horther for Thomas Alexander.

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Wednesday 24th December
to Alexandra and James, a
beautiful daughter, Delfins.
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December 26th to Michelie
(née Fasano) and Simon, a
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Day to Lucy (nie Enox) and
Keith, a beautiful drughter,
Sophie Eate, a sister for
Alicia. Alicia.

SEYMOUR - On December

17th, to Eva (née
Causechowska) and Robert, a
beautiful son, Alexander
Elias Gogarth, a brother for
Nicholas.

SPTALER - On December 24th,
at The Fortland Hospital to
have You Many House at The Portland Hospital in Amy Jo and Jean-Marc, a daughter, Soleme. WAPLES - On 23rd December to Amunda (nos Turner) and justin, a son, Albert George, a brother to Elia. ward - On 17th December 1997 to Emma and Gordon, a son, William Joseph, their first-born. first-hom.

WEMMER - On 13th December to Elizabeth and Roy.

to Elizabeth and Roy.

daughter, Helen Sarak, a sister for Joe and Edward.

WELIAMES - At 2.16 am on Tuesday 30th December to Zoe and Jim, our first daughter, Hannah Gence.

DEATHS ARABIAN - Martin Vahe.
Deniy loved busbend and
father. Died ruddenly on
December 23rd. The funeral
service will take place on
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King Church, Beamley Road,
Loudon, N14 at 10.45am.
Hery be rest in peace.
1997 at Grockham Hill,
Hichard Lindsey Estten PECS
aged 77, much loved
husband and father, Puneral
private, no flowers,
donations if wished to
Hospice in the Weald,
Fambury Road, Tunbridge
Wells.

BAX - On 28th December in Woodland View Nursing Home Sheffield, Squadnon Leader Norman Bryan Milliam Bax, RAF (Betired) aged 76 years of Enamoor, Sheffield Dearly loved husband of Laura, very dearfather of Nigel, father-in-law of Deborah and much lowed grandfather of George, Sarah and Rebecch. Service at Hutcliffs Wood Cramstorium, Sheffield on Priday 9th January, 1998 at 230 pm. Family 15wess only please but donations made payable to the EAF Banevolent Fund may be sent to John Heath & Soms, Puneral Directors, Sheffield S4 713.

Bill - Barhum Marie 25th Dec 1997 peacefully in huspital in her 77th year. Beloved wife of Maurice and mother of Angela, Nicholas, Sarah and Richard. Puneral at St. Augustines EC Church Littlestone, Kant at 12 noon on Tuesday 6th January 1998 followed by a burial in New Romney Cemetery enquiries and flowers to Romney March Funeral Services, Tel: 01797 366432.

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BELL-Tony (Anthony John) at home on December 26th 1997. Greatly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funcal service at St Fast Church, Shiplake on Monday 5th Jesusy 1998 at 200 ps., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donationa, if desired, to Cancer Research. clo Tomalin & Son, Anderson House, 38 Leading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Orun, 209 1AG. Tel: 01491 573370.

BISHOP - Dorothy Namette

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BISHOP - Dorothy Namette (Nan). Beloved mother of Angels (decessed), Gall and Zoe, died at home on Christians Day 1997, aged 78, after a prolonged library fought with larmense course and dignity. Abreedy missed more than words can say by her children, grandchildren, family and friends. So very very loved by all who knew her, her spirit will live forever on in our hearts. The stavice to calebrate her life will be held at St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Church Road, Leathedeed, Survey on 7th Jamany at 12 noon, Committel at generate at Randalis Park. No flowers please, densitions if desired to The Queen Elizabeth Formattion, clo Hawkins & Son, Highlands Road, Leatherhead, KT22 SND.

CHEDS - Busil. Balowed and cating hundred of Georgette and father of Julian Bed on Wednesday 24th December aged 76. Funeral at Putney Vala Cennetery and Crematorium, Stag Lane, Putney, London SW15 30Z on Saturday 3rd January at 11.30zm. Enquiries 0171 937 0757.

CARUSLI - Fletcher M.A. on 28th December 1997 at the age of 73. H.M. Consul (Merch, posts in Bondessu, Cutaçao, L. B. Bondessu, Cutaçao, L. Mannheshi, Ahidjan, Lille and London. Much loved husband of Nicole, Father the history in Roband and Kesley. Memordal Sarvice on Saturday 3rd of January at St. Partieum d'Ana, Dondogna, Prance. Body domated to Bordeaux University for medical research as was his wish.

CHURCHEL-Nancy Thevelyan, suddenly but peacefully on Busing Day, aged 86. Widow of Lt. Chr. Peter Councilli LN, and dearly loved mother of lines and grandmother of Diana and Suppless. Penents Teachy, 6th January at 2 pm at 3t Mary's Church, Brestley-on-Thomas. Panelly Streetley-on-Thomas. Panelly Streetley-on-Thomas. Panelly Streetley-on-Thomas. Panelly Street, London SWIP 2TL

CLEMITSON - Ivor Malcolm (formerly MP Luton East) suddaily on Christmas Eve at his home in France. Husband of Jun, father of Sunannah and Matthew. Hemorial service shortly. Enquiries 01582 418482.

CODD - On 28th December peacefully in Kelling Hospital, Norfolk, Basil Graham Morris aged 86 years. Much loved husband of Irans. He will be sadly missed by many for his kindness, wit and humoun. Puneral Service at Goldens Green Crematorium on Wednesday jumpary 7th at 2pm. Family flowers only or domations, it desired, in The Salvation Army. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons (0171 387 6075).

COOK - On December 23rd peacefully at Beauchamy House Rursing Home, Gordon Wallace aged 87 formerly of High Ham, Somenset, Beloved husband of Cecil Manyant, Service will take place at High Ham Parish Church on Monday january 5th 1998 at 11.30am fellowed by cremation, Flowest may be sant to Irish and Damman F/D, Palmer Street, South Petheston, Somenset TAI3 SDB. Teh 01460 240348.

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COMSTABLE - Anthony P. of Ridderminster, Assistant Director of Sedfordshire Social Services (rtd), one time Uganda Police Officer, dear Rushand of Vicky, Jost his tenacious but dignified battle against cameer on December 24th 1997. Cremation at Snouthidge, West Midisads on 5th Junuary, Memorial Service in Sedford at a have donations supporting work of the local Macmillan Marses (Kenp Howers, but donations supporting work of the local Macmillan Marses (Kenp Howers, but donations described by Funeral Directors Mesure Edwin Hangis & Sons, Came Street, Kidderminatur Wuncastershire, Tek (01562) 822625 will answer any enquiries.

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COMMAN PAREOW - Beatrice
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to the Royal British Legion,
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51T. There will be a
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COHRESS - Lendall William.
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SUBSURF - Lendall Williams.
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DEWITT - On December 25th suddenly but peacafully, june aged 74 (not Thalay). Much loved mother of Canol, jemny & Judy. She will be sadly missed by all her tumby and triends. Sarvice at Exeter & Devon Crematorium Saturday January 2rd at 2:00 pm. Fundly flowers only plesse, donations to Cancer Passes for the play of t de WHITER - Doughty Mary widow of John died peacofally on 29th December aged 92. The Funeral Service will take place at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 5th January at 12.15ms. However may be sent to J H Kanyon 83, Westbourne Grove, London W2 40L.

DUCKWOTH - Sir Richard Dyos, Baronet died 28th December 1997 in peace after a short Illness, husband of the late Allson, leaving soms Edward and Antony, and geardchildren, Nathandel, James and Helen. Funesal Monday 5th January at Konsey Abbey, Baquides to Meses I.N. Newman on, 01722 413136 (he w/s). OTTEL SISTANCE (ME WE).

FREERICK - On 27th December
Marye Bremda beloved
mother of Asthony and Gilly
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Funeral Service at the
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FRANKLIN - Dinna (nóe Jaworth) on 28th December 1997, at hat, peculially at the fedtish House & Houghts for Incurables after a long filmess unbeseable for lest family and triesch, Beloved wife of Rodary, loving mother of Edward and Amelia and greatly loved and missed by meny, Celabration of her life on Friday 9th January at 2.30pm, at West Korwood Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to RERI, Crown Lam, London SW16 3JE.

FRILST - Predarick Charles

FULLER - Prederick Charles (Fred Major (retined) EA. Aged 69 years, died pacefully on the atomose of December 28th. Mach loved by his partner Praine and Randly. All enquiries to Funeral Directors Finks 01489 892040. No Edwets, donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

GAMEM - Partick St Clair aged 59 died peacefully on December 24th 1997. Much loved husband of Pamela and father of Philippa. Requiem Mass at Holy Rood Church, Pawansey Bay, East Sussex on Friday January 2nd at 10.00am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Hestings and Rother MRS. Trust. Cio Halisham Pameral Service, 11 Station Road, Halisham, Rest Sussex ERC? 2ET Tek 01323 440909.

GREWIM - On December S0th Huw aged 67. Beloved husband of Gardania and much loved father and gardfather. Funeral Sewice at Woodmanacote Church, Hampathre on Tuesday 6th Jamery at 12:30pm. Howers or donations if desired to Cancer Bellaf Macmillan Fund of has Steel & Son, Cheefl House, Winchester 8023 OHU.

HOTTOT - Hubert, on 24th
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Michael Sobel House
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KORGHT - William George died peacefully at his home in Kingston, East Susses on Christmas Day, 25th December 1997. He was loved by all who knew him, Funeral Service is on Wednesday 7th January 1998 at St Ranches Church, Kingston, Mr Lewes at 2.30am followed by Intermedia in the chumiyard Flowers and enquiries to Cooper & Son Funeral Services, 42 High Street, Lewes. Tel. 01273 478557. LEEP-MILEE - James on December 28th peacefully in hospital. Husch loved humband of the law Alvilds. Private funeral at his

LEMMAN - On Senday 28th Decumber 1997 in Mescastle upon Tyto Dr. Elizabeth Mary Lemman beloved dreghter of the hts Dr. [AR] Lemman. Punessi at All Saints Church, St. Andrews at a date to be

LYNCH - Natalie Jame (née higgs) on 25th December 1997 at the John Endeliffe Houpital, Oxford. Much loved and missed by Mike, Exchel, Sen and Daniel. There will be a Mesocial Service at St Peter's, Bumbase, Suckinghamahire in the next few weeks. Deadls will be announced.

MAINE - Robert. On 25th December 1997 in his 80th, year at 8t Georges Hospital, London following a long illness. Son of the late Mrand Mrs J.F. Maine and houter of the late Dr JLF. Maine. Much loved uncle and gent uncle. Pursent at Putney Vala Committeen at 1 pm on Tuesday 6th Jenuary 1998. Howers it wished to Iradeck W. Fabre Limited, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, SW20 or domations to British Reart Foundation or a charity of your choice.

McLARTY - Donald Counts, 60, formerly of Stormoway, Scotland and Intely of Buspersend, London, retract Houghtong Stanghri Sank, London, andly willist on haliday in halaysia 24th December 1997. Committon took place in Fenning 26th December, Donartions 12 desired to Mancap or Mind.

MeMEIL-MALWARD - Histe Elizabeth (Betty) on December 23rd, aged 69 Devoted wife of Genry and loving mother of Funds and Schudmother of Piers, her joy and generosity will be sweetly missed by all her fundly and friends. Funeral Sevice at 3 folm's Chouch, Hyde Park, London W2 zi 2,30ps. on Tuesday January 6th, Family flowers only please. Dunstions if desired to the children's society HAPA of A France & Son, 45 Lamb's Cohduly 2HH. Lamb's Conduit London WCIN 2MH

MEGAW - The Right Honourable Sir John, husband of Ells, on December 27th in London, aged 38, Private committee.

OGLETHORPE-Edward Watsom died pescefully, but unexpectedly, on December 26th at home, dearly loved husband of Andrey Thérèse Oghsthorpe and much loved father of James, Mary, Cambotte and Matthew and like a father to Annexarie. Requieza Mass. Monday January 5th at 5t Augustine's Church, Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells followed by private burial. Recupion at home. Plowers to J. Essepater and Sons, 2-4 Albidon Road, Tunbridge Wells. (Tul: 01892 523131)

PAYMI - On 26th December, after a courageous fight against cancer, fiden Mary Felicity died precedulty in The loyal Mansden Hospital, beving speat Caristmas Day happily at home Mach lowed wife of Inn; mother of High. Service of Thanksgiving at hoom at 8 Mary's Caurch, learnes on Monday 5th leasance as Monday 5th leasance as Monday 5th leasance of Thanksgiving at hoom at 8 Mary's Caurch, learnes on Monday 5th leasance as Monday 5th leasance as Monday 5th leasance are maden. Pamily flower called the private crematican. Pamily flower Cancer Care and/or Lymphochem a support of heaven the Lamber & Son, 246 Upper Richmond Bood, London SWIS 6TG, Tele Utsl. 788 2942.

PiERCY - Hom. Femalone Exthaction, CRE, peacefully at home on 27th December 1997 aged 81. Funeral sarvice at St Many's Church, Taurant Ensistent, Handford Pottus, Donat on Tuesday 6th January at 2.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St Mary's Church, T. Ensistent of Colin Close F/D, 12 Salisbury Street, Handford. RABBRAY - Vern of 5 Manor Court Pewsey, Whitshire died poncefully in her house in her 98th year. Ancient and much loved sum of George, Rarry and Charles, Tanaksgiving Service Pewsey Farish Church 12.30 Tuesday, January 6th, Femily flowers only. Donations to St. John's Church, Pewsey.

RYMARD - Henry Marcel on December 17th 1997 in Maira. Edest son of the late Harry and Hilda (Billo and Ridde). Deveted father of Christopher, much loved by Barbare, dearly loved brother of the into Taddy and of sister-in-law, See, Francel in Gono on Jamany and 1998.

ROBERTS - Eric Arthur of
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died peacefully on 30th
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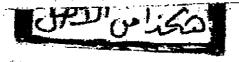
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RODD - Evelyn Rodd of Esstheums, aged 36 years, died peacefully in Milton Keynas on Christmas Day. Safly missed by Lucinda, John and their families and her many friends. Funnal str. Eastheums Crematorium on wednesday 7th January 1998 at 2:30pm.

SARGEAUST On 25th December 1997, Pencerally at Coombe Grange Rest Hous, Swey, Winited Doris aged 84 years. Dearly beloved wife of the late Henry Loving mother of John, David and Julia. Funeral Service will take phace at \$t. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Swetsulmust on Wednesday! 7th Isaury at 1000 am. followed by Private Churchim Flower may be swat to Diamond 2 Son Feneral Directors, Lymington 3041 9DE.

soloscog - Mavis, peacefully on 24th December at home. Friends will be meeting at The Garden Flat, 25, Empeteed Hill Centens on Thursday 1st January 1998 at 12 noon. Enquiries to 1 0171 794 8018.

Sculiff - Margaret Mary peacefully on December. 27th aged 82 after a long filmess. Funeral Services Monday January 5th 5th Feter's Church Henfield West Susset at 1200 noom; donations if desired to Alzebmars Society c/d Radmail F/S Tel: 01275, 494577.



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SIOTHAMD William Max, aged 92, on Documber 20th at the Farrietia Hospice, Chelmatent Pannan at the Chelmatent Communical at the Chelmatent Communical at the Chelmatent Communical at the Chelmatent Chelmaten and Palente 1300 on Munday January 5th, Pannily Rowers only please. Enquiries to T. Pennack and

Inquiries to T. Pennack and Sons, Tal: 01245 471157. Donations: welcome to Parisish Respice, London Bond, Chabacterd, A Service of Tanakspiving for Mar's Me will be assessed.

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TAYLOR - Samual, of Listle Linton. Died penerally at home, surrounded by his family, on Pricky December 26th aged 83 years Lowing heaband of the late December (1904b) and much leved father and grandfather. Private India grandfather. Private India year properties of Themisgiving as Thursday 15th Jenseny at St. Mary's Church, Linton, Cambra. - at 12 noon. Demation, if deshed, to the Hoyal Schicht; Logism or Royal Agricult wal Benevolent Lestints can be sent do HJ.

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Justice of Appeal, 1969-80, died on December 27 aged 88. He was born

in Dublin on September 16, 1909.

Much was expected of the children. It is said that when one of John's sisters took only a second-class degree and a friend rang up to congratulate her, their father answered the telephone and curily informed the caller that a second was "not a matter for congratulation in this family".

He could have had no such qualms about his second son, whose early promise showed at the Royal Academical School in Belfast. Not without misgivings on the part of his father, he was allowed to attempt a classical scholarship at Cambridge. St John's College at once elected him to an open scholarship in classics. Having gained a first class in Part I of the Classical Tripos (he remained an outstanding classical scholar throughout his life), he switched to law, where he gained two further firsts, one in Part II of the Law Tripos and the other, immediately afterwards, in the postgraduate degree of LLB. He then went to Harvard Law School on a Choate Fellowship. Meanwhile he had joined Gray's Inn and was called to the Bar in 1934, having gained the Certificate of Honour in the Bar Finals in 1933.

This brilliant display of academic ability did not exhaust his energies. He had always been a fine rugby player, both at school and at Cambridge, though he did not gain a Blue. Twice he played for Ireland, so delaying his call to the Bar for a term, since Call Day in the autumn of 1933 clashed with an international match in Ireland. He was an active member of the Richmond Football Club, becoming captain, and - much later - its presi-dent. He retained a lifelong interest in the game, and at one time also often acted as a referee. His speeches at the dinners of that dub gave the he to those

who thought of him as doen and without

This unusual combination of abilities foretold a distinguished career at the Bar. In 1934 he became a pupil of Mr (later Sir Henry) Willink at 3 Essex Court, then a comparatively small set of commercial chambers but subsequently a vertiable judicial nursery. He remained in those chambers of which W. L. McNair (later Mr Justice McNair) was jointly the head with Willink. Megaw's outstanding abilily soon attracted attention, especially after Willink took silk in 1935. Through devilling for Willink, he came

to the notice of the Solicitor to the India Office, who was responsible for much Indian Government work in the Privy Council. There Megaw became regularly employed. He also had a small junior brief to Willink in the Chrysler case. instructed by Slaughter and May, who were quick to appreciate his outstanding

Although work for young men was then far from plentiful in the specialist field of commercial law, he soon made his mark, and but for the war would rapidly have outstripped his contemporaries. But he felt strongly about the Munich Agreement of 1938, as he did about many things. That same year he married most happily and also joined the Territorial Army. He was called up as a gunner shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939, when his wife was expecting their first child. He served throughout the war with distinction, first on active service during the bombing of London in 1940 and 1941, and then as a full colonel in an important staff job in Washington. Once again his abilities were recognised, and he was awarded the US Legion of Merit. He was determined to return to the Bar

as soon as possible. With characteristic courage and confidence, for he now had three children and little in the way of financial resources, he bought a large house in Chelsea in which he and his wife lived contentedly for forty years and more. He regained his practice and added greatly to it. He was a superb lawyer. But advocacy did not come easily to him and his Ulster reserve and occasional sharp

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## SIR JOHN MEGAW



temper made some solicitors regard him with caution and even fear.

theirs in turn, speaks much for the training that he gave, passing on what Yet to those who saw him daily he was a he had received as a pupil and much more charming and delightful companion, with a ready wit and a happy turn of phrase, always concerned to help. The subsequent

successes of many of his pupils, and of

He took silk in 1953, and the following

year was also given silk in Northern Ireland, a compliment to one who had never sought to practise there. He was now always in work of the highest quality. at his best in appellate courts, arguing difficult questions of law often with an international flavour. He was less at ease in the ordinary witness action, the average barrister's bread and butter.

He became Recorder of Middlesbrough in 1957, and in 1958, when still under 50, Gray's Inn elected him as a Bencher. In 1961 Megaw was one of an exceptionally large number of judicial appointments made by Lord Chancellor Kilmuir in a list which included the future Lords Widgery and Scarman. In accordance with custom he was knighted on his appointment to the High Court Bench. Almost at once he became President of the Restrictive Practices Court, where at the time there was much work. But he resigned the appointment in 1968 on what he saw as a matter of principle, the right of the Government of the day to take legislative power to overrule decisions of that court.

Although a first-class lawyer, Megaw was never wholly at ease as a judge. His reserve and sharpness of temper were taken for aloofness, and his severity of manner and occasional acerbity belied the charm which his friends knew he possessed but which he seemed sometimes almost deliberately determined to conceal. He received promotion to the Court of Appeal in 1969 and was made a Privy Counsellor. His friends hoped that he would find the work there more agreeable, as he did. But when his turn came to preside - he was the senior Lord Justice during his last years on the appellate Bench - his was never an easy court in which to appear. A submission that he did not like was not quietly rejected with a smile, and a refusal by counsel to accept from him the difficulties that might lie ahead in his argument too often led to a fierce contest of wills between Bench

He was immensely hard-working, but this was not necessarily an advantage. The extempore judgment, essential in the Court of Appeal if the judges are not to be overwhelmed, did not come easily to him. Night after night, and over weekends, he would labour preparing notes for judg-ments, and he found the criminal work especially burdensome and, indeed, distasteful. (He had, however, been the last judge ever to put on the black cap at the Old Bailey.)

He also felt a growing sense of dissatisfaction with the work which was allocated to his court, in particular trivial county court appeals and the like, which did not measure up to his ability and experience. When in 1980 it became apparent that promotion to the House of Lords would not be forthcoming, he resigned, very quietly, leaving the Law Courts in the Strand for the last time at the end of July 1980, with most of his colleagues unaware of his going.

The relief of retirement was great and obvious. But he was not left in peace for long. He sat from time to time as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and as an arbitrator in maritime cases, and then in 1981 he was invited by Margaret Thatcher's Government, which was seeking to end a damaging Civil Service strike, to chair a committee considering the whole question of Civil Service remuneration. He accepted only out of a strong sense of duty.

No picture of Megaw would be complete without reference to his work for Gray's Inn, to which he was devoted. He was Treasurer in 1976 but had been one of its most active members long before always zealously defending its interests. The traditional independence of the Inns of Court, and their reluctance to cooperate with one another and with the Bar, led to the appointment in the early 1970s of a committee over which Lord Pearce presided. Its recommendations for the reconstitution of the Senate of the Four Inns of Court and the Bar into its present form, with the consequent diminution in the independence of the Inns. were anathema to Megaw, who bitterly opposed them. He was a man of strong principles upon many matters who regarded all compromise upon what he saw as questions of principle as akin to treachery. This attitude, which partly derived from his Ulster upbringing, sometimes led to a failure by those who did not know him well to appreciate his true worth.

He was an honorary Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, and an honorary LLD of Queen's University, Belfast. He received the Territorial Decoration, and in 1956 was appointed CBE for public services in connection with work for Northern Ireland and in the field of national insurance and similar problems.

In 1938 he married Eleanor Grace Chapman. She survives him, together with two daughters and a son.

#### **PROFESSOR DAVID SCHRAMM**



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studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at California Institute of Technology, where his mentor was William Fowler, From there he moved to the University of Texas at Austin, and then to Chicago in 1974. He became the university in 1995.

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families of elementary particles there were. Physicists came to mock, but stayed to admire. The prediction turned out to be true, one of the first times that cosmology had been able to anticipate the particle accelerators. Schramm was a big man,

with a quiet, persistent way of advancing his arguments, and he was also ambitious. At meetings he would rise like a mountain from the sea to offer sharp criticisms of ideas that he felt needed slapping down. At Chicago he managed to expand his department by a variety of stratagems. Once he wheedled a new faculty position by claiming that he could attract a Nobel laureate. When the star failed to turn up, he filled the post anyway.

He failed to capture the Science Centre for the Hubble space telescope, but as a close friend of the particle physicist Leon Lederman, with whom he went climbing, he arranged for cosmologists to be attached to Fermilab, the accelerator in Batavia, Illinois, He worked there himself for two years, meeting and later marrying Lederman's assistant, Judy Ward.

Schramm was a finalist in the 1968 US Olympic trials in Greco-Roman wrestling, and later wrestled for fun with members of the Chicago Bears football team. When his knees complained, he took up cycling instead, thinking little of a ride from his home in Aspen up to Independence Pass. 20 miles away and 4,500ft higher. On a trip to Germany he bought a red Porsche, and fitted it with the numberplate BIG BANG. He also took up flying, in a single-engined Cessna — incorporated as Big Bang Aviation so he could rent it out for charter.

He died when his aircraft crashed on a solo flight from Chicago to Aspen. He leaves his wife Judy and two sons.

#### IVOR CLEMITSON Ivor Clemitson, Labour MP for Luton East,

1974-79, died in France from a heart attack on December 24 aged 66. He was born on December 8, 1931.

PERHAPS the only former Anglican clergyman to have -sat in the Commons -- though there was a case of a Church of Ireland parson who had to have an Indemnity Bill passed on his behalf after illegally taking his seat in the wake of the 1950 general election — Ivor Clemitson was very much in the 1960s' mould of the worker priest. To become a Labour candidate appeared to him a legitimate extension of his sort of Christian ministry. It was with some rejuctance, therefore, before standing at Luton in February 1974, that

he agreed to renounce his Orders. The law does not prohibit Anglican clergy from being nominated as parliamentary candidates but, like peers and lunatics, they are disqualified from sitting in the Commons. Clemitson would almost certainly have welcomed the chance to challenge the House of Commons (Clergy Disquali-fication) Act of 1801 but he was

eventually prevailed upon by his Bishop — Robert Runcie, then of St Albans — to accept that the practice of partisan politics was incompatible with the reconciling role of a Christian minister. By the time he was elected he gained Luton East, which

he won twice, initially by only 1,425 votes — he had thus ceased to be an Anglican clergyman. He never, however, regarded himself as totally a layman and, after his narrow defeat at the 1979 general election, he anxiously sought ways and means by which he might be able to resume his own Anglican ministry. It was typical of



his fair-mindedness, however, that he finally concluded — if under some persuasion from the new Bishop of St Albans, John Taylor - that such a reversion to his previous status as a priest might be open to cynical misinterpretation. Ivor Malcolm Clemitson

was the son of a bricklayer. Originally going to the local state primary school, he won a place at Luton Grammar School and went on from there to the London School of Economics, where he took a second-class BScEcon.

His period of training for the ministry at Bishops' College. Cheshunt, was immediately followed by a year spent working on the factory floor in order to get to know what it was like to do routine, repetitive work day-in, day-out.

He served his title for the priesthood at St Mary's, Bramhall, an industrial mission parish in the Sheffield diocese, then still very much under the inspiration of its shopfloor pioneering Bishop, Leslie Hunter, and his diocesan missioner, Ted Wickham.

After Hunter retired and Wickham had been made a suffragan bishop, the Sheffield Industrial Mission was wound down, and Clemitson made his way back to his home diocese of St Albans, where he served his second curacy at Christ Church, Luton, becoming two years later

the St Albans industrial chaplain. He served in that post with a year's absence in Singapore, where he was director of its industrial mission - until 1971. In that year, as part of his laicisation, he took a job as research officer to the print union, the National Graphical Association, which conveniently had its headquarters in Bedford. His five-year parliamentary

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career was not particularly distinguished, though he was appointed PPS to Albert Booth. It was a post from which Clemitson was forced to resign at the end of 1978 after voting against the Redistribu-tion of Seats Bill, raising the level of Ulster representation at Westminster from 12 to 17. Otherwise, his only significant political act was a move to try to secure for all Labour MPs the right to vote in the meetings of the various groups within the parliamentary party. That possibly said more for his ecumenical spirit than for his awareness of the sharp divisions within Labour's ranks.

At first Clemitson was not wholly reconciled to his exile from Parliament, fighting the new seat of Luton South at the 1983 election, only to be badly defeated by Graham Bright (later PPS to John Major). After that, however, he appears to have abandoned all political ambition and was content to take up work once his aspirations of returning to the priesthood had foundered — provided by the Transport and General Workers' Union. Only last February, having reached retiring age, he moved with his wife to a farmhouse in France.

ivor Clemitson married in 1961 Jan Meeke, whom he met when she was a personnel officer and he was working as a priest in Sheffield. She survives him, together with a son and a daughter.

PRAYER BOOK BURNING KINDLES FEMINIST IRE

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

FEMINISTS are angry that four student priests in the Church of England suffered no more than a reprimand for burning a women's prayer book in the quadrangle of a Cambridge theological college.

The book, All Desires Known, which emphasises women's role in Christianity, was removed from the chapel at Westcott House, Cambridge, and burnt bonfire-style in protest at women priests. Canon Runert Hoare, the college principal, has visited Janet Morley,

the author, to apologise. · Four young men, two of whom were already ordained deacon, have been verbally disciplined but all have since gone on to full-time ministry in the church. Women in the church are angry that the men should have been allowed to progress without bar towards the priesthood.

Ms Morley took the title of All Desires Known, which has sold 6,000 copies and is used widely in churches and prayer groups, from the collect at the start of the communion

#### ON THIS DAY

December 31, 1991

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The burning of a women's prayer book by four young clergymen in a Cambridge theological college angered those who believed that women's role in the Church had been slighted.

service in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Her book is an alternative lectionary, w contains collects, or prayers, to be read at services throughout the year. The collect for Easter day does not refer to death and everlasting life but says instead: "Grant that as women first announced the resurrection. though they were not believed, we too may have courage to persist in proclaiming your

Ms Morley was unavailable for comment last night but close friends reported that she was deeply distressed. The incident is particularly disturbing to the church because Westcott House stands firmly in the liberal tradition and favours the ordination of women. Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, both attended the college, and the Most Rev John Habgood, Archbishop of York, was viceprincipal from 1956 to 1962.

Of the 46 ordinands at Westcott, 12 are women. The Rev Michael Roberts, viceprincipal, said the burning had been led by our men: two students in their final year and two who had left the year before. Other students, including at least one woman, witnessed the burning, after a private dinner. "It was one of those silly things that happen when you suspect people have had too much to drink

Monica Furlong, a leading feminist theolo-gian, said that, although the incident took place in February. Ms Morley had heard

about it only recently.

Criticising Westcott for not taking more stringent action against the men, she said: " think it is disgraceful that it has been hushed up until now. I do not think the church has taken on board the hatred of women, and sexism that exist. It is exactly like anti-Semitism or racism."

# THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### New year honours for teachers

A headteacher has been knighted and another has become a dame in a New Year's Honours list that focuses strongly on education. The list also has its usual clutch of awards for celebrities, sporting stars and the arts.

Elton John is one of many who played a part in the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, to be honoured. He is knighted. The officer who organised the coffin party and the hearse driver ......Pages 1, 8, 9, 23 and 44 also receive awards ...

#### Funeral brings town to a standstill

Portadown came to a halt for the funeral of Billy Wright. His Loyalist Volunteer Force terrorist group had "requested" businesses to close as a mark of respect and by midday all shops were shut and the streets deserted. "What choice do we have?" one shopkeeper said... .... Pages 1, 2

#### Some like it hot

This year has been the third warmest for three centuries; only a cold January prevented it taking the title from 1990 ..... Page I

#### Waiting game

Demand for people to serve at parties on December 31, 1999 is so far outstripping supply that waiters are commanding £1.000 for the night ....

#### **Demolition job**

The architect who designed the British Library has blamed the abuse heaped on his building by the Prince of Wales and Gerald Kaufman for destroying his practice...

#### Doing 'bird'

A businessman was held in police cells for three hours accused of harassing a neighbour's pigeons by hanging a plastic owl in his garden and singing Come Fly With Me ....

#### Modern parable

A bishop's son has written a 20th century version of the medieval mystery plays where Jesus is a beggar, St Peter a foul-mouthed mugger and St Matthew a commodities broker... ....Page 3

#### Tunnel vision

A couple are exploring a network of tunnels under their Somerset country house after being put on the trail by an old man's memories of being sent down one of

#### Memorial garden

A £10 million garden set in 16 acres outside Kensington Palace has emerged as the most likely monument to Diana, Princess of ....Page 6

#### Inspired guess

A retired physicist believes that he has discovered the identity of the man who inspired Shakespeare's sonnets by unravelling the complex dedication in the first printed edition.,

#### Luxor shunned Abed el-Naser no longer tries to entice people into his floating pa-

pyrus museum near Luxor. There is no one coming. They are all frightened. Most of us will be ruined," he said ....... Page 12 Poli challenge

Kenya faced the prospect of renewed unrest as both President Moi's Government and the opposition complained that the general election was rigged ..... Page 13 Siege killing

Prisoners holding 600 hostages in

#### a maximum security jail in Brazil are reported to have murdered a fellow convict and thrown his body out of a window ..... Page 14

Tiger economy Millions of Japanese are praying for wealth and prosperity in the new year - but many fear the national economic fortunes will get worse rather than better in the Year of the Tiger..... Page 15

#### them as a servant boy ......Page 4

■ Christopher Cattle has designed the ultimate range of selfassembly furniture: reviving techniques used by ancient Greeks and Egyptians he has planted saplings that he expects to grow into tables and chairs. "You don't need screws, nails or glue," he says. "All you need is a seed. Then you sit back for four years for a stool and six years for a chair ............ Page 6

Garden furniture in classic style



Fees record: City advisers reaped £1.3 billion in fees from takeovers this year as a wave of consolidation

swept over the power, drinks and financial industries......Page 23 New number: A former president of Trinity College, Cambridge, who gave up accountancy to manage

rock bands, brings his business to the stock market \_\_\_\_\_Page 23 Economic forecast: The economy will need to slow down in the New Year in order to ensure steady growth, the Governor of the Bank

Markets: The FTSE 100 Index rose 19.9 points to close at 5132.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 105.6 to 104.8 after a fall from \$1.6746 to \$1.6566 and from DM2.9883 to DM2.9673....Page 26

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of England said...

Football: The England striker Alan Shearer has made a remarkable recovery from the ankle injury that threatened his career and is so far ahead of schedule that he might be fit to play for Newcastle United within a month ... ..... Page 44

Rugby union: Bath defeated Northampton 26-3 at the Recreation Ground, bringing to an end a run of three victories by the visiting Page 44

Athletics: Head-to-head competitions will be outlawed when the International Amateur Athletic Federation bans races with fewer than three runners..... Page 44 Cricket: A maiden Test century by Jacques Kallis enabled South Africa to hold on for a draw against

Millennium dame: She is tipped for an Oscar nomination for Mrs Brown, and is back in the latest Bond movie, but Judi Dench's first love is still the stage \_\_\_\_Page 32 Cube dude: Not content with being

has launched a second career with Rising star: Jason Brooks's huge photorealist portraits have won him a prize and a one-man London show. The next stage, he says, is to paint pictures as big as a cinema

.Page 32 Off stage: There will be widespread confusion, fudge, semantic fiddling, compromise, frustration and expense" -- Benedict Nightingale predicts a grim year for Australia in Melbourne .... Page 38 theatre.

**TOMORROW** 

IN THE TIMES

"A brazen blockbuster

with astonishing effects"

- Geoff Brown gets the

Starship Troopers bug

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looks back

Malcolm Bradbury

reviews Don De Lillo's

latest: Roger Scruton

Making their mark: Most pretentious film? The English Patient. Ugliest bloke? Chris Evans. National trauma? The death of Diana. Princess of Wales. Bad sportsman? Michael Schumacher (no contest). Bill Frost takes a not entirely serian Olympic gymnast, Paul Bowler ous look at the highs and lows of .... Pages 16, 17 the year...

> Computers reborn: The switch to 2000-compliant computers means that a lot of hardware appears to be redundant. But a Scottish charity is recycling it for use in the Third .... Pages 28, 29

Lease hope: Will proposed reforms make it easier for tenants to buy the lease on their properties? Amanda Loose reports ..... Page 35 On the record: The Land Registry is hoping to restore the price paid for a property to the details on its register of properties ...... Page 35

The battle of the unemployed brings us back to an essential question. Despite increasing wealth and massive redistribution mecha hitms, our economy is incapable of eliminating poverty. Perhaps it is time to reconsider our redistribution system. A fine challenge for the Government if it does not want to face the revolt of society's sacrificial — Le Monde

Preview: Jack Rosenthal continues his saga of the chalk-and-cheese families and their student offspring in Cold Enough For Snow (BBC). 9pm) Review: Matthew Bond on a fine evocation of national ... Pages 42, 43

#### Mayhem and Moi

Even by the miserable standards that Kenyans have become accustomed to, this week's presidential. parliamentary and local government elections have been a ..Page 19

#### Steady, Eddie

Mr George and his Monetary Policy Committee have taken the right decisions. The peak in interest rates should by now have been reached. The Bank can afford to sit back and watch its past actions take effect.

#### Staff of life

Man still does not live by bread alone. But, in spite of the priggish strictures of the nutritional bores, he will have an ever-increasing choice of his daily bread ... Page 19

#### **ALISTAIR HORNE**

Where did all the flowers of 1968 go? Some became ageing hippies; or nurtured the politically correct in the universities ...... Page 18

#### PETER STOTHARD

If I had asked my father his list of passions this week, it would have been headed by the Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford, whose powers of love and peace-bringing should be celebrated in sky-written letters of gold.... .. Page 18 P. DELVES BROUGHTON \_\_

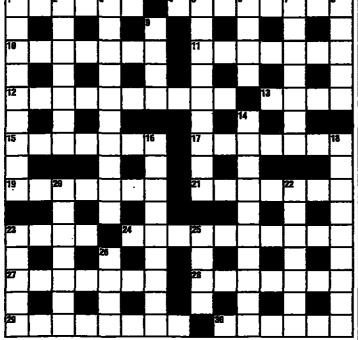
Freud had a point. In his roundabout way, he was saying new year celebrations are the pits. By the time 2000 comes Britain will be in a state of nervous breakdown, like a deeply insecure host grinning wildly and turning up the musicPage 18

Sir John Megaw, former Lord Justice of Appeal; David Schramm, astrophysicist: Ivor Clemitson, former Labour MP....

#### Northern Ireland: Maze prison in-

quiry: Church's role in hunting debate; honours system; spirit of giving; doorstep ban; eating in France..... ... Page 19

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- 12 Job that depends on satisfying one's betters (10).
- 13 A cast looking pale (4). 15 Minute for Jumbo, for example?
- 17 Show hesitation entering mu seum gallery (7).
- 21 Backed workers' organisation on one line, in print (7).
- 23 Honour the flag (4). 24 Getting on a new rugby team is hard, without skill (10).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,675



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- Cut by management that's designed to keep a tight grip on paperwork (9).
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- Valentino miscast in unconventional work (9).
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- king (4). Style of Mackintosh imported from France (\$,7).
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become brighter and colder with sur-shine and a few showers. The rest of England and Wales will have a bright and blustery day with surny spells and showers of rain, hall and hill-snow — the 0336 401 746 0336 401 747 showers of rain, hall and hill-snow — the showers most frequent in the west. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cold and windy with sunny intervals and sudden squally showers. Many of the showers will be of hall and steed the showers will be of hall and steed the showers will be of hall and steed mountains. In the Irish Republic, wet and windy with heavy rain.

Tonight, many areas will be cold with clear spells and coastal showers. Windy everywhere, perticularly in the west, where it will cloud over tatar with rain. where it will cloud over later with rain.

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Cont S, SW England, W Midlands, Chennel Isles, S Wales: Sunny spells and wintry showers. Cold in the tresh southwesterly wind. Max 9C (48F).

N Wales, NW, Cent. N England, Lake District, lele of Man: Some sunny

General: Eastern England will start mild, cloudy and wet but it will soon Orinney, Shetlend: Overnight and east clearing to give suriny spells and east clearing to give suriny over the hills. wind. Max 7C (45F).

Sw., NW Scotlend, Glasgow, Cant Highlands, Argyll: Heavy, writing show-ers with snow over the highest ground and a glimpse of the sun. Cold in the strong southwesterly wind. Max 6C (48F). ☐ N ireland: Limited surrry spells; wintry showers including snow over falls. Cold the fresh southwesterly wind. Max 6C

C) Outlook: New Year's Day will be wet and windy with gales in exposed western areas, but it will be mild. Friday will be brighter with sunny spells, showers and a

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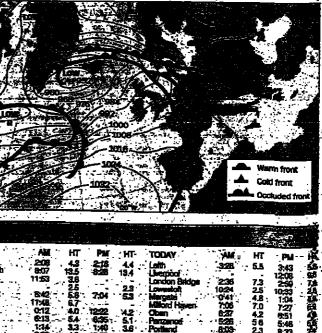
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Union, is knighted for ser-

group from a minnow to an

engineering colossus. He retires in February.

Among those appointed CBE are Allan Bridgewater,

chief executive of Norwich

Union; Mark Baker, chair-

man of Magnox Electric John Church, chairman of

Church & Co, the shoes

group; Kenneth Culley, chief

executive of Portman Build-

ing Society; Bernard Harty.

at the Corporation of London;

Michael Wates, chairman of

Wates, the construction group; and Eileen Marshall,

Also appointed CBE are

James Dyson, inventor of the

bagless vacuum cleaner (for

services to industrial design):

William Banks, deputy chair

man of Robert Fleming (medi-

cal education); and Tony

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International Brewers and Bass Leisure (brewing industry). David Bland, director

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# **Takeovers** fuel fees record of £1.3bn for advisers

By Richard Miles, banking correspondent

CITY advisers reaped a £1.3 billion in fees from UK takeovers in 1997 as a wave of consolidation swept the power, drinks and financial industries.

British investment banks laid claim to the lion's share of the spoils in a boom year, which saw a total of 1.801 deals with a combined value of £64.1 billion, including 12 transactions with a price tag of £1

billion or higher.

Acquisitions Monthly, the specialist magazine, said that 1997 marked the third consecutive year of strong mergers and acquisitions activity in the UK, with the highest number of public bids since 1989. However, the year fell just short of the 1995 all-time

Its analysis of both public and private deals during the vear outs Lazard Brothers at the top of the league table of

£21.9br CB.3br NM Rothschild (5 Morgan Stanley (11) Barings (1) Mentil Lynch (9)

Source: Acquisitions Monthly. The previous year's ranking is shown in brackets

City advisers. The UK investment bank. 50 per cent owned by Pearson, the leisure and media group, advised on 34 tions with a total worth of £21.9 billion

Lazards won this accolade parily because of its involvement in the biggest deal of 1997, the £24 billion merger of drinks giants Guinness and Metropolitan to form. Diageo. But the firm also advised US rival Merrill Lynch on its £3.1 billion takeover of Mercury Asset Management, as well as Lafarge on its 118 billion bid for Redland. SBC Warburg Dillon Read, the other key adviser in the Guinness-Grand Metropolitan merger, took second place. The swiss owned bank, which announced a £35 billion merger with UBS earlier this month, helped to negotiate £19.8 billion worth of UK takeovers. Adding the busi-

ness of its new partner UBS,

SEC Warburg's tally would rise to nearly £26 billion.

Third place went to Schroders, dispelling the myth that British independent banks are unable to compete against the so-called bulge bracket banks, the big American houses, on billion-dollar deals. Schroders notched up £12:3 billion in transactions, including the takeovers of East Midlands and London Electricity.

However, the US banks continued to tighten their grip on the UK mergers and acquisitions market. The big four — Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan - all moved up the league table by offering advice on deals worth £26.7 billion. This was in part because their US clients made several acquisitions in the UK, most nota-

bly in the energy sector.

The league table also seems to lend weight to the contro-versial decision by Derek Waniess. NatWest's chief ex utive, to hive off part of its markets business in a two-way deal with Bankers Trust and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. NatWest Markets was ranked 16th in its home market.

BZW, sold by Barclays to Credit Suisse First Boston for £100 million in October, fared better by taking tenth position. ahead of JP Morgan, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. It advised on 24 private and public bids with a value of £4.76 billion.

Philip Healey, editor of Acquisitions Monthly, said the E13 billion in fees reflected not only the large number of deals but also the complexity of the transactions that had pushed up the costs. He added that the figure was likely to be an underestimate because it in-

cluded all legal, accounting and public relations fees. There is every sign that 1998 will be just as buoyant as 1997 in terms of merger and acquisition activity. In December alone, 18 public bids have been announced," he said. The spate of takeovers was part of a worldwide trend, Mr Healey added. Globally, 13,857 deals worth £829 billion were completed, compared with 12,320 deals valued at £650 billion

last vear. The tide of mergers and acquisitions is sure to boost the level of bonuses paid to City bankers in the new year. One firm of recruitment consultants has estimated that bankers may receive as much as £1 billion in bonuses.

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# Two knights in a day for Pearson

By JON ASHWORTH

PEARSON, the media and

entertainments group, has come up trumps in the New Year's Honours List, with

Dennis Stevenson, chairman,

and Frank Barlow, the former

Pearson managing director, appointed knights. Sir Dennis, 52, is knighted

for services to business and

the arts. He is chairman of

Pearson and GPA, the Irish

aircraft leasing company, and chairs the trustees of the Tate

Gallery. Sir Frank, 67, is

knighted for services to the

newspaper industry. Former

chief executive of the Finan-

cial Times Group, he began his career in Nigeria and the West Indies before running

Westminster Press in the UK.

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#### try. He is chairman of the **Honours** for Association of British Insurers. Graham Hearne, chaircaptains of man of Enterprise Oil, is knighted for services to the oil industry. Barrie Stephens, chairman of Siebe, is knighted for services to the engineering industry. In 35 years, he has taken the industrial industry trial controls and appliances

and BAA, is knighted for services to industry and the nmunity. He steps down as BAA chairman in July. Neville Simms, group chief executive and deputy chairman of Tar-mac, is knighted for services to the construction industry.

**New Year** 

George Bull, joint chair-man of Diageo, is knighted for services to the alcoholic drinks industry, while Diageo's external affairs director, Peter Lipscomb, is appointed CBE. John Carter, chief executive of Commercial





George Bull: Diageo

#### **BUSINESS TODAY**

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#### **Pounding** The strength of the pound has

marred business prospects for the new year, the CBI believes. Its view is echoed by the Institute of Export, which predicts that many companies will have to reduce exports in Page 24

#### Chemical deal

Harrisons & Crosfield, the conglomerate, is to pay £280 million for an American manufacturer of additives for industrial coatings.

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#### **Microsoft** battle escalates

Microsoft and the US Justice Department escalated as both parties prepare for a courtroom showdown over antitrust charges next month.

The Justice Department, which accuses Microsoft of abusing its market strong-bold, alleges the company is "jerry-rigging" its own com-puter software to circumvent a court order that forces it to unbundle the Windows 95 operating system and its Internet Explorer programme.

In court papers the depart-ment says: "Microsoft is in clear violation of both the injunction's letter and spirit." The company said: "Poorly informed lawyers have no vocation for software design." The Justice Department is seeking a \$1 million fine for every day the company main-

tains its present stance.

# Governor expects economy to slow

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday expressed optimism that the British economy will slow down to a more sustainable pace in the new year.

Speaking on BBC Radio's

Today programme, the Gover-nor said: "We have been growing at an unsustainably rapid rate over the last 12 months, so the economy will need to slow down during the course of next year. And we believe it will slow down."

However, he admitted that nobody knows how fast or soon. the slowdown would occur. He noted that, in its November Inflation Report, the Bank had not anticipated recession and, indeed, felt that the greater risk was that growth would remain too strong. The Bank's Monetary Policy

Committee meets to discuss

interest rates next week and is not expected to raise base rates as it gathers as much information as possible about the Christmas shopping season and whether there are genuine signs of a weakening in con-

Mr George hinted that he would like to stay on as Governor for a further two years. He said he hadn't thought about it, but added: "I find it difficult to imagine not being there."

sumer activity.

☐ British government bond prices fell more than a full percentage point after a Conthat American consumer confidence jumped to a 28-year high in December, raising speculation that US interest rates will have to rise.

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# Sanctuary set for reverse takeover

A FORMER president of Trin-ity College, Cambridge, who

gave up a career in accountan-

cy to manage rock bands, has

completed a deal to bring his

business to the stock market.

ed the Sanctuary Group in

1976 with Rod Smallwood,

also a Cambridge graduate, has orchestrated a £15 million

reverse takeover of his enter-

tainment conglomerate by

Burlington, a shell company.

The two men will both own 20

per cent stakes in the merged

company, worth about £4.6

Sanctuary began life as a

music management company,

most famous for looking after

Andrew Taylor, who found-



Music man: Andrew Taylor orchestrated Sanctuary deal

By Chiris Ayres

Iron Maiden, the rock band discovered by Mr Taylor in 1979. It now also owns Cloud 9. the television company. which has created 60 hours of programmes since 1995, including adaptations of Enid Blyton books. Sanctuary's sales for 1996 were £18 million operating profits of £300,000.

One of its divisions, Sanctuary Music Productions (SMP). is listed separately on the Alternative Investment Market. The division, which is 60 per cent owned by Sanctuary, worth about £7 million. SMP owns recording studios at Shepherd's Bush, West London, plus a licensing, pro-

duction and promotions business. It also owns stakes in several record labels, one of which has signed Huff and Herb, an up-and-coming dance act. Burlington, whose shares

were suspended at 22p when talks began, will buy Sanctuary through a 25p-per-share open offer to existing shareholders, raising £14.6 million.

Mr Taylor will become chief executive while Mr Smallwood becomes the director responsible for music management services. 3i, the venture capitalist, will hold a 10

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# US consumer confidence rises to 28-year high

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

US CONSUMER confidence has unexpectedly leapt to a 28-year high, muffling bearish voices that predicted America was heading for a recession after almost seven years of fast growth. The consumer confidence index rose from 128.1 to 134.5 in December, an increase of 5 per cent, according to a Conference Board report

published yesterday. In June 1969, the index had reached 137.9.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 80 points in morning trading on Wall Street. Consumer confidence is of vital importance for the US economy as it accounts for two thirds of the country's overall economic activity.

Lynn Franco, associate director of the Conference Board's consumer research centre, said: "The strength of the US economy, especially the labour market, continues to lift consumers' spirits and bolster their expectations. Current readings are the highest this year, and continue to ride at historically strong levels. Consumers have high expectations for 1998. Two sub-indices also soared to new highs. The "future expectations" index this month rose from 108.9 to 116.4" and the "present situation" index rose from 156.8 to 161.7, another 28-year record.

Wall Street had expected consumer confi-

dence to fall. Analysts at Standard & Poor's said: "Although a strong case can be made for underlying fundamentals - ie, employment, income, mortgages rates, inflation — being at the strongest point of the year, we expect confidence to fall." Analysts were expecting a fall of up to 5 per cent.

For the coming months, economists are now predicting a minor slowdown rather than the

onset of a recession.

# Sterling's strength spoils prospects

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

THE strength of the pound has marred business prospects for the new year, according to the Confederation of British Industry. Its view is echoed by the institute of Export which predicts that many firms will have to reduce exports in 1998 because the level of sterling is crippling profits. Sir Colin Marshall, President of the CBI, today says: "A lower and more sustainable exchange rate would be the best present Britain's exporters could have going into 1998. Despite good news in many areas of the economy, the strength of sterling has had a dramatic effect on many firms trying to win overseas orders. In core export markets, like Germany and France, the price of sterling has risen dramatically in 18 months up by over 25 per cent in the year-and-a-half to November against the mark and the

franc. This has resulted in a

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fall-off in export orders and a loss of confidence in future

His new year message to CBI members was underlined by Ian Campbell, director-general of the Institute of Export, who said that companies would not be able to continue to maintain the low prices and margin squeezes that they had experienced this year. He said: "We are getting very concerned that interest rates are remaining high and therefore continuing to keep sterling high. The export com-munity is far from bullish. We are already starting to see some companies relinquish market share and this will carry on next year unless the exchange rate falls."

Mr Campbell said prospects for exporters in 1998 had been further damaged by the coll-apse in South-East Asian markets. The region had been targeted by many exporters as a key opportunity for expansion. Sir Colin said: Exports

form a vital part of the UK economy. A lower level for sterling, with less volatility against other major competitors, would have a positive effect on our performance as a whole and would build on the encouraging growth we have witnessed in the domestic

The CBI President also called for greater flexibility among European countries in labour market reform than their adherence to a European model. His call comes as the Government prepares key changes for union recognition in its Fairness at Work White Paper and as the UK is poised to take over the presidency of the European Union. The CBI and the Trades Union Congress have been sharply divided over how union recognition should be implemented.



Don Cruickshank says phone numbers can be kept if customers switch operator

# Phone users get to keep their personal numbers

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

Since number portability

first became possible in June

1996 more than 150,000 num-

bers have been "ported" and

the rate is currently around

Don Cruickshank, the tele-

communications regulator, who retires on March 31, said

yesterday: "Now customers

rate call services.

5.000 a week.

from the end of 1998.

OFTEL, the telecommunications regulatory body, said yesterday it had agreed with all the leading UK telephone portability, allowing customers to keep their numbers

when they change operators. Until recently only BT was required to provide number portability. The condition will now be included in the licences of all telephone operators, including the cable

companies. The number portability applies not just to numbers

within a particular area, but can move between any operator to ensure they are getting also to freephone and local-Recently the four mobile the best price without the telephone operators agreed to inconvenience of havis introduce number portability change the numbers."

Oftel also said yesterday it planned to hold its first public meeting in February to discuss its plans and targets for the next two years.

The meeting on February 10 in the Great Hall, King's College London, is designed to give both residential and business telephone users a say on Oftel's future strategy.

AN ESTIMATED one million

workers lost their jobs this year because of Indonesia's

economic crisis, an Indone-

sian Chamber of Commerce and Industry official said.

The failout from the currency crisis that has swept South-

East Asia has arrested once-

booming economic growth in Indonesia. The value of the

rupiah has plummeted about

60 per cent this year, making it

one of the world's worst-

performing currencies.

The Chamber predicted in a

report that economic growth in 1998 would decrease to

between 3 and 4 per cent,

compared with an estimated rate of 6.5 per cent in 1997.

Many businesses with big

debts in foreign currencies face tough times despite a \$40

billion (£24 billion) economic

rescue package put together by the International Monetary

#### BT targets corporate customers with new discounts

By OUR MEDIA EDITOR

THE latest sign that competi-tion in the market for international business calls is starting to bite came yesterday as BI announced a new discount scheme aimed at the corporate

From January I, BT is introducing a Key Countries scheme, allowing customers to nominate up to ten countries from a choice of 30 top destinations for UK business. They can then get a 15 per cent discount on either basic call charges or on top of existing discount schemes.

The new international discount scheme adds to the complexity of BT special of-fers. The telecommunications group said yesterday that if a business that makes many international calls uses Key Countries in conjunction with two other BT discount plans -BT Business Choices Level 2 and Key Numbers — then daytime calls to the US come down to 11.5p a minute and 13.8p a minute to France, Germany or The Netherlands. A year ago 43 companies were licensed to compete in the international call market and BT is now facing competition from such international telecoms groups as AT&T and WorldCom of the US and

Energis of the UK. Energis, which specialises in the business market, sug-gested recently that provision of calls to the US cost it around 1.5p a minute and that it had plenty of scope to undercut the BT price. Analysts suggest, for example, that business calls to the US can be obtained for

between 5p and 7p a minute. Bill Cockburn, group managing director of BT said yesterday that on any fair comparison BT was highly

competitive on price. AT&T says that it already provides a telephone service for 15 per cent of UK-based multinational companies.

The Key Countries scheme costs £7.50 a quarter for each nominated country - or £25 a. quarter for a package of five

Fund. Earlier this week, Radius Prawiro, a close adviser to

President Suharto and a former Cabinet minister, called

on businessmen unable to pay their debts to close down their

"We ought to close down

think it is the best way to

prevent more disastrous ef-

report said property, construc-

tion and banking had been the hardest hit sectors so far.

Indonesia has an estimated

and that the jobs of another

4,536 workers are under threat. Most of the laid-off

workers were from factories in

the footwear, garment and

Official figures show that only 16,961 workers have lost their jobs so far in the crisis

workforce of 91 million.

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One million jobs

lost in Indonesia

By George Sivell

## Revenue from North Sea oil 50% off peak

REVENUES from North Sea oil have more than halved since the peak reached in 1985, according to the Royal Bank of Scotland. The Royal Bank's oil team reckon that daily revenue from North Sea oil averaged £30 million during the past year, compared with more than £68 million a day in February 1985.

Expressed in 1997 prices the value of 1985 production was £116 million a day. The bulk of the decline was accounted for by a real fall in the price of oil of almost 75 per cent — from almost £43 in 1985 to £11.29 in November. Output fell by only 7 per cent.

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The Royal Bank noted that tax revenues had fallen from £12 billion in 1985 to the forecast of between £3 billion and £4 billion for 1997-98. Stephen Boyle, head of business economics at the Royal Bank of Scotland, commenting ahead of the Government's review of North Sea taxes, said that the value of tax revenues depended on external factors as well as on the nature of the fiscal regime. This meant that changes in average tax rates could easily be swamped by movements in prices.

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#### Toyota expands in US

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP is considering manufacturing luxury cars in the US as early as 2000. It may make a luxury sport-utility, introduced earlier this month in Japan as the Harrier. Toyota has been steadily increasing production in America, partly to ease criticism over Japan's huge trade surplus. It is building a \$700 million plant south of Princeton. Indiana, and already plans to produce about 100,000 T100 pick-up trucks annually from autumn 1998. The plant will employ about 1,300 workers. Currently, Toyota makes its Lexus luxury cars and its sports-utility vehicles in Japan.

#### Granada completes sale

GRANADA, the UK hotels and leisure group, said yesterday that it had completed the sale of Societé de Gestion de Restaurants-Bars sur les Autoroutes to a subsidiary of Autogrill International for Fr700 million (about £70 million). Terms of the disposal were announced earlier this month. Granada also announced the disposal of Forte France's stake in Corela to Sogerba for Fr120 million, lifting total proceeds from the disposal of interests in the French motorway service business to Fr820 million. Granada shares held at 935p yesterday.

#### **Fewer French jobless**

FRENCH unemployment fell in November for a third consecutive month, dropping by 9,000 or 0.3 per cent to 3,114,600. The jobless rate, based on International Labour Organisation criteria, dropped to 12.4 per cent, from 12.5 per cent, its first decline since July and the first time it has been below 12.5 per cent since September 1996. The drop will be welcome news to France's Socialist-led Government, which came to power in June promising to cut unemployment, but has so far recorded little significant progress.

#### Sakura reviews options

SAKURA BANK, a large Japanese commercial bank, is drafting a restructuring plan that it hopes to disclose by the end of January, but would not comment on suggestions that it may close down half of its 99 overseas branches. Among the new measures under study are concentrating more on the bank's strengths, such as individual loans, and cutting its assets, Sakura said. The bank will also decide what to do with its domestic and overseas networks. Standard & Poor's recently downgraded the bank's long-term credit ratings.

#### Losses at Monteagle

PROFITS at Monteagle SA, the Luxembourg-based southern Africa trader, fell to \$89,000 before tax from \$3.097 million in the year to September 30 on sales down to \$29.5 million from \$33 million. There was a loss per share of 8.43 cents, against earnings of 22.58 cents. The total dividend was unchanged at eight cents. Monteagle said gold mining activities by Falcon Mines Group, its associate, ran at a loss. It said the board had confidence for the year ahead, but the instability in Far Eastern markets tempered this enthusiasm.

#### Russian oil auction

RUSSIA will sell 48.68 per cent of Tyumen Oil Company, holding company for Nizhnevartovskneftegaz, in a special near-\$800 million cash auction from January 8 to February 13. Terms are expected to be the same as in the suspended November 20 auction, in which 760.03 million shares were offered at a starting price of 6,500 roubles (\$1.08) each. The Alfa-Group, the financial industrial company, bought 40 per cent of Tyumen at an auction in July and has said it intends to increase its stake to a controlling one.

#### **Tullow Oil shares fall**

TULLOW OIL shares fell 44p to 1374p after the oil exploration and production company said that the second well of a two-well programme had been completed in Pakistan and had produced gas at a non-commercial rate, The first well, in the onshore East Badin extension block B, tested gas at commercial rates from three zones and was suspended as a future gas production well. The second well, in the onshore East Badin extension block A, tested gas at non-commercial rates and has been plugged and abandoned.

#### Radiant Metal slips

RADIANT METAL FINISHING suffered a loss of £37,753 in the half year to August 31, reversing the previous profit of £14,114, on sales up from £468,362 to £549,281. A loss per share of 2.78p was recorded, against earnings previously of 1.03p. Once again there is no half-year dividend. The group carries out electroplating and deals in the development of residential property. Radiant Metal said that there has been residential property in the level of trading activity cinetics. no material change in the level of trading activity since the half-year end.

#### Blueprint ready for consolidation in financial sector

# Malaysia backs bank mergers

By George Sivell.

MALAYSIA'S central bank said it will unveil a plan soon to encourage the country's finance companies to merge in a move to rejuvenate the once-booming banking industry in the face of a shrinking economy and curbs on loans. A wave of banking consolidations has already been deemed necessary in the neighbouring Asian econo-mies of Thailand and Indonesia. Analysts believe there will be banking failures in Malay-sia, too, if the banks do not

merge. Bank Negara Malay-sia, the central bank, has identified a small number of finance companies as parent or core companies for the merger plan.

The bank said: "We expect an announcement to be made very soon," defined as "by the first week of January" at the

Malaysia's banks were notoriously reluctant to consolidate themselves during the economic boom years. The plan will name what finance companies we think should merge," the bank said. "We

(Bank Negara) are giving the green light. The companies to be merged would be left to decide which firms they would negotiate with. The central bank expects

that there could be "five or six, or seven" finance companies as the merger core. These would be Tier-I com-

panies that are bank-backed and would include Arab-Malaysian Finance, Hong Leong Finance, Mayban Finance and Public Finance. The bank added: "We are looking at others for possible umbrellas," or core companies. Ma-

companies and the central bank has been urging finance firms and banks to consolidate in order to improve competitiveness in the face of globalisation

Maiaysia has seen gross domestic product growth of more than 8 per cent for the past decade, but expects growth to slow to between 4 and 5 per cent in 1998. The Government an-

nounced curbs on loans for property and share lending this year and has ordered banks to slow loan growth.

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blooded Hambros, now the prop-

erty of Société Générale. is

And while the American investment banks continue to climb the league table—Goldman Sachs and Morgan

Stanley are ranked fourth and

sixth consecutively — the Ger-man-owned houses Deutsche

Morgan Grenfell and Dresdner

Kleinwort Benson are losing

ground. If 1998 proves to be as

rich in mergers and acquistions as this year, then it could be

Meanwhile, the middle ground looks increasingly crowded. Close Brothers may have marked this out as its

territory, but the accountancy

firms are mounting a strong

challenge. Arthur Andersen has stolen into the top 15 for the first time after advising on no fewer

than 64 deals, worth close to E3

billion. Targeting more mod-

estly-sized companies - Ander-

sen's deals average out at just £46 million apiece — clearly

crunch time for the two banks.

nowhere to be seen.

The Cassandras who have long predicted the demise of the British merchant bank would do well to study the league table of takeovers in 1997. Three of the true five close on to independent

the top five slots go to independent UK-owned houses, giving the lie to the claim that our merchant

Few will be surprised by the

pre-eminence of Lazard Brothers, which comfortably sits atop

the league table. Since a critical

decision more than ten years ago

to shun equities trading and stick

to corporate advice, Lazards has given the US banking houses a

good run for their money.

A decade of solid relationship-

building and minimum turnover

in staff, coupled with a modicum of luck — the bulk of Lazards'

clients this year have been the targets of agreed bids — has been

sufficient to propel the bank to

More surprising is the perfor-mance of Schroders, over whom many a foreign suitor is believed

to have cast an envious eye. It ranks third behind SBC War-burg Dillon Read, after supervis-

ing some 37 transactions with a

combined book value of £12.3

billion. NM Rothschild, the third

UK bank, takes fifth place, again

by concentrating on corporate

The league table would also

appear to vindicate the decisions

by Barclays and NatWest to hive off their investment banks to

foreign competitors. BZW, sold

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chase for just \$174 million in Brady bonds.
The seller, the Mexican Government, is understood to have lopped more than 40 per cent off the original asking price after it was forced to offer financial assistance to Banca

economic woes also served to persuade the Government to drop the initial price. The deal, which has been approved by the regulatory

authorities, marks the latest phase of HSBC's expansion into Latin America. The group, owner of Midland Bank, has made a string of

acquisitions in the region since the beginning of the year.
To date, HSBC has bought 10 per cent of Banco Sur in Peru, rescued Banco Bamerin-

dus in Brazil, taken control of

Roberts Group in Argentina and increased its stake in Banco Santiago of Chile. Shares in HSBC, the UK's largest company until turmoil in South-East Asia hit its stock, rallied on news of the Serfin deal, closing the day up 26p at £15.66. At their peak during the summer, HSBC

shares were trading at close to

tics used in the production of compact discs, building insulation and packaging.

The deal is the largest made by BP Chemicals, the BP subsidiary, for 15 years and includes the purchase of two sites, one near Dortmund, western Germany, and the

depend on the attitude of UK

Harrisons is taking a one-

off exceptional charge of £20

million, including £14 million

in asset write-downs in a

BRITISH PETROLEUM, the

oil group, has become Eu-

rope's second-largest polysty-

rene producer after paying

more than £120 million for a

German plastics company. The company, which em-

ploys nearly 500 people, is a

division of Huls, part of the

Veba group. It produces plas-

BP buys German

plastics company

By CHRIS AYRES

analysts. Mr Turcan said.

Cadbury's drive to repel Mars attack Celebrations as a competitor for its Creme Eggs. Cadbury said: "Boxes of sweets are the sort of thing you share with your friends when you have a video

"At the end of the day, we're the only

ones who do chocolate egg with a yoke. Lots of other people have tried to imitate it and no one's come anywhere near in 75 years, so I think we're quite safe for a few years more yet."

The company expects to produce 300 million Creme Eggs this year to sell in the 14-week run-up to Easter Sunday. The festival falls on April 12 this year.

# Merchant princes a class apart



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

pays. As more accountancy firms merge, they will take an increasing interest in this market, and a bigger share of the business. The American's may have the global market sown up, but the British can still call the shots at home.

Days of the hostile bid fondly recalled

ong-serving City folk will fondly recall what used to be known as the hostile bid. For the benefit of younger readers, these were lively affairs indeed, where one company — dubbed the predator — launched an unsolicited offer for another, usually a competitor that had fallen on hard times. Besuited executives from one board, normally prim and proper, let their hair down for the best part of two months and hurled abuse and general derision at executives on the rival board.

These then responded

invoking every known dirty trick in the book to repel the invasion. Advisers, with no expense spared, worked around the clock to produce documents and circulars running into thousands of pages of information to support their case, little of which was actually read by shareholders, whose vote ultimately decided

the fate of the company.

And, finally, the bid ended. Mostly, the predator won and defeated executives moved on to their next job with a decent payoff to ease the pain of loss of office. A surprisingly large num-ber of executives and advisers who had behaved in such a wretched fashion to one another subsequently ended up working together soon after on the next takeover bid. And so on. It was so much fun.

Sadly, these days have long since gone. Yes, occasionally a board puts up a token resistance on day one of a takeover bid. By day five the terms have been

tweaked, jobs have been made safe and everybody is happy, so the bid is recommended, the fight is over before it properly began. Yesterday's mergers and acquisitions data from Acquisitions

Monthly lists the top ten deals of 1997. Just one, the smallest, is hostile, the £1 billion offer for Allied Colloids. Hostile bids attracted criti-

sm. not least from the defeated hoards. The charge was that such bids undermined the fabric of a business and encouraged short-termism. Management took its eye off the ball for too long and, in any case, the enlarged business rarely delivered the goods.

This was true but only up to a point. Hostile bids forced executives out of their glass houses to justify their corporate strategy and to put their past achieve-ments into context. Shareholders suddenly had access to new information and were given a chance to influence the future Either that, or they could take the money and run.

Agreed takeovers have a cosiness about them that causes unease. Mergers are presented as done deals and too few questions are asked about the rationale for agreement. Assertions about future market trends go unchallenged. BT's proposed merger with MCI would have dramatically transformed the business, yet shareholders nodded it through without a second's

Opposition to the Guinness/GrandMet merger, the biggest in the UK, was limited to one Frenchman with his own axe to grind. If Diageo ever fails, there will be no one there to say "I told you so".

Crumbs of comfort for Asian economies

The good news for Asia and, it must be said, there has not been much of that around recently, is that the price of oil has bombed out and is unlikely to recover in 1998.

That will dismay anyone working in the North Sea, which produces some of the world's

per cent of Millennium, was

merely an interim appoint-

ment pending the resolution of

Mr Wilson is believed to have tied up the details of his

move when Kwek Leng Beng.

the group's Singaporean

chairman, was in London for the December board meeting.

Analysts believe an an-

nouncement will be made

ahead of Millennium's annual

results in a couple of months'

time, although the company

dismissed the story as "pure

Mr Wilson, whose 25

years at Hilton have earned

him a reputation as one the

hard men of the hotel indus-

try, is also thought to have

been on the initial list of candidates drawn up by

headhunters, to replace Rob-

ert Peel as chief executive of

Interestingly, Mr Kwek also has a small indirect

shareholding in Thistle, and

there were suggestions last

year that he was looking at

ways of putting Thistle and Millennium & Copthorne

together. He is thought to

have decided against any

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Thistle Hotels.

sort of merger.

Top candidate

resurfaces

at Millennium

By Dominic Walsh

JOHN WILSON, former chief

operating officer of Hilton

International, is expected to be

appointed as chief executive at

Millennium & Copthorne Ho-

tels in the new year, more than

six months after he was origi-

nally due to take up the post.

Mr Wilson has been on

gardening leave since June

after his departure from Hil-

ton, part of the Ladbroke

Group, became bogged down

It is understood that his

planned move to Millenni-

um provoked fears that he

might take with him his best

staff members and a num-ber of hotel development

Mr Wilson was to have

replaced Ed Gremlich, who

In the wake of these prob-

lems, Millennium named

John O'Shea as managing

director in July, claiming that

he had been the best candidate

all along and that Mr Wilson

had been just one of a number

of people considered for the

post. However, it would now

appear that Mr O'Shea, who

was previously with CDL

Hotels International, the Sin-

gapore company that owns 55

oversaw the group's flota-

opportunities.

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in contractual wranglings.

most expensive crude. But the reality is that Asia accounts for more than a quarter of the world's 76 million barrels per day of demand and is responsible for nearly 50 per cent of global growth in oil consumption

over the past five years. Asian economies are heavy importers of crude. Energy costs have already escalated because of the devaluation of Asian currencies against the US dollar and refinery profits have sunk. A rise in the dollar price of crude at this stage would precipitate the recession

that is already almost in-evitable across the region. Refiners in Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Singapore are cutting back crude purchases. Yesterday, India, one of Asia's biggest oil importers, revised down its expectations of oil product purchases by 13 per cent.

What has really spooked the market is a pledge by Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest supplier, to raise output by 10 per cent from January. Other Opec members will follow suit although most were already breaking their formal quotas.

But the Saudi uplift in output poses a very real threat to oil analysts' target of an \$18 a barrel average price for 1998. Rivadh was betting that steadily rising global demand for oil would mean a winning combination of higher exports at a continued high price but this now looks unrealistic.

**GKN** to

buy US

company

By MARTIN BARROW GKN, the UK engineering company, has agreed to ac-

quire Armstrong Rim & Wheel for up to \$54 milli-

on (around £32 million), it

was announced yesterday.

lion for 95 per cent of the

company's equity, with the

balance to be acquired

hubs for agricultural and

off-highway vehicles in America and Canada. In

1996, the last year for

which audited accounts are available, pre-tax profits were \$3.7 million. Net

assets were \$11 million at

division, which supplies

components and systems

to the agricultural, off-

industries, and will en-

hance its presence in

The acquisition, which

will be funded from

GKN's existing cash re-

sources, is conditional

upon clearance from US

GKN shares were un-

changed at £12.50

anti-trust authorities.

yesterday.

North America.

the end of this year. Armstrong will become part of GKN's agritech

over the next 12 months. Armstrong, based in Iowa, makes wheels and

GKN is to pay an initial consideration of \$52 mil-



Bill Turcan, left, chief executive of Harrisons & Crosfield, displaying the new name with George Fairweather and Mike Parker yesterday

# Harrisons & Crosfield pays £278m for US chemicals fi

By CARL MORTISHED

HARRISONS & Crosfield, the former conglomerate, is building its presence in the specialty chemicals sector with the purchase of Rheox, a USbased company that makes additives used in the paint and coatings industry. Harrisons, which is to be renamed Elementis, also announced a capital repayment to share-holders of £402 million, equal to 560 per share.

Harrisons is paying NL Industries \$465 million (about £278.44 million) for Rheox.

HSBC has secured a \$126

million (£75 million) discount

on a near 20 per cent stake in

Grupo Serfin, Mexico's third-

largest retail bank.
When the deal was first announced in March, HSBC

agreed to pay \$300 million for

the 19.9 per cent holding.

Yesterday, it secured the pur-

based in New Jersey. The lubricants and drilling muds company makes and sells as well as adhesives and additives that control the viscosity and flow characteristics of products such as industrial coatings, Jonathan Fry, Harrison's chairman, said that the acquisition would make

cals group with a clear focus. Industrial paints account for 60 per cent of Rheox's market and the company sells to all of the world's top 20 paint manufacturers. In addition, the company has been building up sales to makers of

HSBC secures bargain

stake in Mexican bank

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Serfin, the group's principal

South-East Asia is believed to

have undermined the asset

base of many Latin American

banks. Fluctuations in the Mexican currency and other

The financial crisis in

Elementis a fully credible

international specialty chemi-

sealants. Rheox raised its operating profit by 13 per cent, to \$39 million, in 1996 on sales of \$134 million.

Bill Turcan, Harrison's chief executive, said he believed Rheox's high return on sales, some 29 per cent in 1996, could be defended because of the company's high market share and its ability to source raw materials internally. Harrisons said that the

acquisition would enhance earnings per share in 1998 after taking account of tax benefits and before amortisons' remaining food busi-ness, BOCM Pauls and Pauls sation of goodwill. It is taking advantage of the tax benefits Malt, are for sale with offers from amortising goodwill in the US over 15 years, which for the businesses so far well below book value. The comwill reduce Rheox's tax charge pany is taking a provision of £90 million to reduce the to 20 per cent or a saving of \$8 million per annum. However, assets to fair value and the effect will be to depress reported earnings in the UK rationalisation costs of £5 million are expected. accounts although this would

Harrisons is not paying a final dividend because of the capital repayment but expects its dividend will be covered 2.5 times by earnings in future.

other in Trelleborg, southern Sweden. BP already has simi-

lar plants in France and

Bryan Sanderson, chief ex-ecutive of BP Chemicals, said:

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# Creme Eggs: £4m campaign

By Fraser Nelson

CHOCOLATE wars are set to erupt next year as Cadbury's launches a £4 million marketing campaign to defend its Creme Eggs against new lines from Mars, its arch rival.

Cadbury, which sells one of every three chocolates in the UK, plans to mount its stiffest defence of the £230 million Easter egg market after losing substantial share to Mars at Christmas.

The Creme Egg campaign begins tomorrow with the launch of a £2.5 million advertising campaign. A taskforce of 300 Cadbury sales executives will be deployed to 50,000 sweet shops across the UK, offering a flashing light

stall for the Creme Eggs — designed to deflect attention from alternative brands. The moves came as Mars claimed to have given Cadbury a solid beating in the

variety box "twist-wrap" market through its Celebrations range. Mars says sweet shops are reporting that Celebrations claimed 50 per cent of the twist-wrap market over Christmas, forcing Cadbury's Roses into second place in several cities.

Mars expects that its Celebrations will do similar damage to Cadbury's share of the Easter egg market, and said that it is not planning to spend anywhere near £4 million on its Galaxy truffle eggs or

Milky Way mini-eggs. Cadbury's denied that it was on the run

from Mars, and said it did not rate the around - Creme Eggs are a treat for yourself that no one else can share.

providing an extra 15 shopping days.



Stock Market Writer

# Wall Street's strong start perks up London shares

ANOTHER positive start to trading on Wall Street enabled the London stock market to extend this week's gains, just when it was showing signs of running out of steam.

Positive performances overnight in the Far East set the scene for early trading in the City, though the extended Christmas break chosen by many investors kept trading levels to a minimum.

At one stage the FTSE 100 index was 32.4 higher, but showed signs of flagging before the Dow Jones industrial average chipped in with an 82-point rise. It closed 19.9 higher at 5,132.3, with fewer than 400 million shares trading hands. The heaviest turnover of the

day was seen in British Steel, which managed to struggle off its low for the year with a rise of Ip to 1291 ap as 12.72 million shares were traded. There was also demand for BTR, another bombed-out stock in the top 100, which finished 12p firmer at 184p as 12.43 million shares were traded.

Eisewhere among the lead-ers Lasmo bounced back with a rise of 9p to 276p after coming under selling pressure

on Monday.

A combination of stock shortages and selective support resulted in double-digit gains among other blue chips, including Reckitt & Colman, 27p to 962p. Reuters, 18p to 668p, Royal SunAlliance, 15p to 615p, EMI, 12p to 506p, Great Universal Stores, 170 to 760p. and National Power. 1212p to 590p.

Newly merged Diageo slipped 3p to 559p as brokers pondered the prospect of further expansion by the McDonald's burger chain in this country, which would generate fresh competition for its own Burger King chain.

Cordiant rose 712p to 10812p as it looked to the expected benefits arising from this month's demerger of Saatchi & Saatchi, up lp at 11012p.

Non-voting shares in Schroders, one of the few remaining independent merchant banks, touched £18 before settling 101p dearer at £17.81 after one investor bid £18 for 500 shares in a very thin market.

An upward movement in the Ionica share price is a rare event these days, but it manllp at 134 zp as almost a million shares changed hands. Some brokers say the



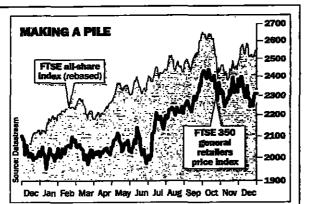
Spurs, without injured Les Ferdinand, fell lp

ossible recovery play in 1998, after seeing them drop from a peak of 421p since flotation this year. Earlier this month, the telecoms group lost its role as a constituent of the top 250

Speculative buying pushed Environmed 412p higher at 13p. On Monday the group confirmed it had been in bid talks, which had now broken down, for the past six months.

The healthcare specialist has refused to rule out the possibility of future bids. Logica continued to be

40p at £11.30. Nomura, the Japanese securities house, has set a target price of £15, while rival SBC Warburg Dillon Read rates the shares a "buy" up to £12.80. Renewed interest had been generated by the formation of a new sector



IT DOES not look like being a prosperous new year for Britain's retailers by recent com-Òn Monday Littlewoods moaned that trading during the run-up to Christmas had fallen helow expectations. This upset the likes of Marks & Spencer yesterday which ended the session 13p lower at 597p, with Kingfisher also 6p off at 833p and

Argos 512p cheaper at 551p. However, some of the windfalls, appear to be ending the year on a high

Carpet suppliers, in particular, are reckoned to be enjoying strong demand which was reflected in their shares, Allied Carpets put on 10p at 1772p, while MFI Furniture finished 7p better at 119p. Carpetright also sported a gain of 12p at 452p as Sir Harry Djanogly, a director, added to his holding with the purchase of 37,000 shares at 426p.

Other big-ticket item re-Essex Furniture, 5½p to 672p, and DFS Furniture, 2p to 516p.

information and technology companies.

There was selective support for other companies which are expected to be included in the new sector, including CMG, 3712p to £15.25, Diagonal, 1212p to 69212p, FI Group. 1712p to 93212p, MSB International, 30p to 63712p, Micro Focus, 2212p to £23.6212, Royalblue, 3112p to 34612p. and Sherwood International,

Bond International Software achieved the distinction of becoming the last company to float on the stock market in 1997. Shares in the computer software group started trading yesterday after a placing on AIM at 65p. The price opened at 7712p and closed at its best

of the day up 24<sup>1</sup>2p at 89<sup>1</sup>2p.

Uncertainty about the future of Christian Gross, its new manager, and the latest injury to striker Les Ferdinand left Tottenham Hotspur lp down at a new low of 75<sup>1</sup>2p. Now deputy Fritz Schmid has been denied a work permit to join the side, which was a precondition of Gross's appointment. Gross has only been in the job five weeks and Spurs continue to languish second from bottom in the table. La Senza fell 2p to 20p with

brokers fearing that the pre-Christmas rush had fallen short of expectations. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Bond prices in London fell by more than II on revived fears of a rise in US interest rates. It followed publication of the latest US consumer confidence index, which rose to its highest level for almost 30 years. Tbonds fell sharply, along with German bunds, and dragged gilts down in their wake. In the futures pit the March

series of the long gilt closed £1316 lower at £1211516 in thin trading, with just 23,000 contracts completed.

The Bank of England has confirmed plans to hold two gilt auctions between January and March. The first auction on January 28 will be of conventional long stock maturing in December 2029, while a tranche of Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 will be issued on March 25.

NEW YORK: US blue chips eased off their highs in

late morning trading as the a half of strong gains. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by

LONDON PHANCIAL FUTURES

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Shaky foundations

IF THE building societies are sanguine about still too cheap and the pressure is on a healthy housing market in 1998, the stock Wimpey's management to find solutions. market seems to be in a state of deep gloom about housebuilders. Bovis was forced to sell its shares on a prospective price earnings multiple of less than nine times, only to see the shares slump further. Beazer sells on a multiple of 8.5 times June 1998 earnings and uneasy about the sector, which is overcrowded, poor old Wimpey's shares can be bought on just 6.5 times next year's earnings.

Priced at 102p, Wimpey shares are now trading at well below last year's asset value of 125p, which does not include this year's profits or gains in the value of the land bank. Of course. Wimpey has its problems. The company has reached such a size that it will find it difficult to grow its core businesses; replenishing the land bank could be expensive and will deter a bidder. But Wimpey is

Other companies, like Beazer have fewer constraints and there is no reason why it should not achieve earnings growth well above the market rate for the next two years without any great increase in house transactions or house prices. The stock market is rightly

but next year could bring some consolidation. Builders with a London and South East bias have enjoyed an unrepeatable burst of profits, churning out houses on land acquired cheaply but which will have to be replaced with expensive land bought today. Companies like Countryside with a long South East land bank could now be vulnerable to a takeover. With a clean balance sheet, Beazer looks in a good position to make an opportunistic move.

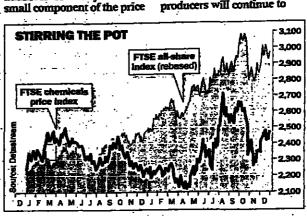
#### Chemicals

ON THE face of it, chemicals had a pretty poor year, with the FTSE Chemicals index gaining just 10 per cent compared with 19 per cent for the market as a whole. The strength of the pound was the main factor upsetting growth, making UK firms less competitive in relation to European rivals.

Nonetheless, chemicals companies cannot complain too much about their share prices. The sector did well to gain 10 per cent, performing significantly better than the engineering and packaging sectors, which showed nil and negative growth. If chemicals did better than expected, it is because of selfhelp. The industry is in full restructuring mode, with firms carving up their portfolios, selling off divisions and

of the end product, making rivals. Over the past fortthe product less sensitive to night ICI. BTP and Harriprice pressure. sons & Crosfield bought and sold companies to build up

Firms like BTP, Laporte and Croda which pitched their tents within performance chemicals and pharmaceutical intermediates, should do well next year but if the Asian slowdown brings lower growth, commodity producers will continue to



#### Harrisons

HARRISONS & CROSFIELD. to be renamed Elementis. has almost completed its transition from conglomerate to chemicals company. Plantations and pet food are gone yesterday Harrisons made its core chemical business look more convincing.

Priced at 12 times operating profits, Rheox is hardly cheap, but businesses that earn operating margins of almost 30 per cent do not sell on low multiples. There are further attractions: the company has a huge market share, some 50 per cent in Europe and North America, and owns important raw material sources in the form of a clay deposit in California.

The big question is whether such margins are sustainable, but Harrisons reckons that its share of the market is defendable because of its access to

The company will be under some pressure to grow the business, which on the pur-

sons has got a business which makes more credible its claim to status as a chemicals company. The existing portfolio is dominated by its chromium business, a high-margin but mature business which also enjoys high barriers to entry, largely because of the environmental hazards in the manufacturing process.

chase price is earning an

investment yield of just 8 per

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strengths in core areas. The

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Profits growth will be held back by the amortisation of goodwill on acquisition and the balance sheet will look top heavy after the capital repayment, but Rheox finally gives Harrison a business with potential to grow and the possibility of a better

Sanctuary

FOR fans of popular culture, but attractive prospect. Set up as a music business, it

heavy metal bands such as Iron Maiden, ploughing the £7 million that this rather dull division rakes in each year into a start-up television company, Cloud 9. Some highly saleable programming (Enid Blyton, etc) is now ready to be distributed worldwide. However, the company's ability to sell these programmes is unproven, and investment costs have held back group pre-tax profits to just £300,000.

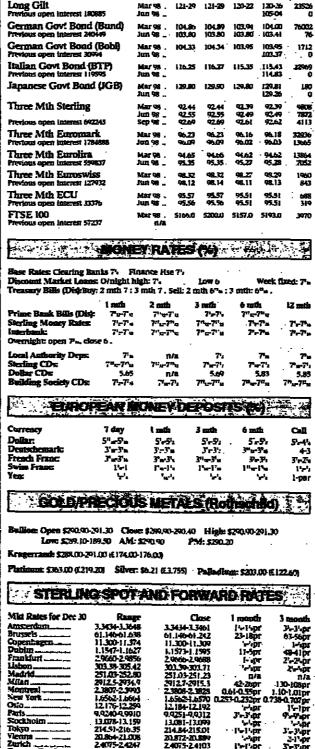
Sanctuary also owns a 60 per cent stake in SMP, an AIM-listed record company with a safe but boring studies and promotions business and several joint venture record Tabels. SMP has many advantages: its costs are low and risk is shared by selling rights to major record labels. but Cloud 9 looks better positioned for growth. At 25p it is worth a punt, but investors should remember the unimrecord.

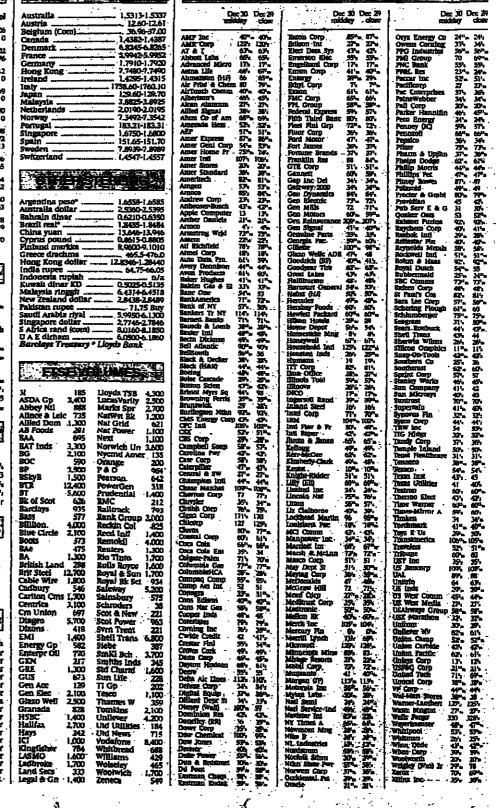
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# Keep the momentum, not the rhetoric

leaders of France was enough to wheel out all available symbols of Cool Britannia at Canary Wharf in November (flowers by Paula Pryke, Islington's favourite florist, sofas by Sir Terence Conran), it can scarcely be imagined what kind of whizzbang cultural iconography will be on display during Britain's six-month presidency of the Euro-

f a mere state visit by the

pean Union beginning tomorrow. Cynics would argue that putting on a show, taking the opportunity to dollop out a bit more of new Lab-our's rebranding of Britain, is the best way to elide the truth that Britain has no role to play in this six-month slice of the Union's history. This is, after all, the crucial few months when the members of the single currency are chosen and bilateral exchange rates set, and Britain, of course, has ruled out joining the cure during this Parliament. The UK presidency begins

subject of the single currency, centring on the skirmish about whether Britain will be invited to meetings of the Euro-X committee of euro "ins". Britain claims victory, having established the principle that Ecofin, the forum for all EU finance ministers, in or out of the curo, will be the key decision-making body and that Euro-X will discuss matters only

the single currency. That may be the public compro-mise but the truth is that the U countries, which Karel van Miert. **EU** Competition Commis yesterday forecast would join the euro in the first wave, will discuss what they damned well like in

of strict relevance to members of

against a backgrop of consider—their own committee and a volun-able mutual irritation on the tary "out" like Britain can do little more than stamp its feet.

The main decisions on the single currency have already been made in deals done in Paris and Bonn, and Britain would be well advised to forget the single currency during its presidency and force the agenda on other matters of strategic importance. It would be a great shame either if Labour pique over Euro-X or its penchant for high-tech image-making and high-flown rhetoric (Robin Cook's summing up of his aspirations for the presidency was "Giving Europe back to the people") were to divert it from trying, at least, to push through a useful programme of reform of the Union. There are serious issues which,



with careful husbandry and a dash of British diplomatic experpean capitals despite beef wars and Euro-Xs), could see progress over the next six months.

Enlargement of the EU is one such. So too, at the risk of leaving British farmers even more apo-

plectic than they are already, is reform of the common agricultural policy, necessary if new members are to be absorbed. These issues were always highlighted by successive Conservative governments in a doomed attempt to distract its European partners from their obsession with the single currency. Now that the curo is virtually certain to happen, on time and with a broad membership, these programmes assume actual and pressing importance.

Realistically, none of this is likely to make much headway until the curo is up and running in 1999, when Germany assumes the presidency, but Britain should still try to give the agenda momenbuzzword). One way in which it

unique diplomatic position between America and Europe is, as the Federal Trust has suggested, to strengthen co-ordination between the enlargement strategies both of the EU and Nato,

That said, the major theme of the next six months will be jobs. jobs, jobs. Britain will seek to proselytise its own work on New Deals for the unemployed. Welfare to Work and the need for flexible labour markets. After the row over lone mother and invalidity benefits, it may not get a polite hearing from the French, determined to fight for social feather bedding whatever the cost, but the British (and American) model is getting stronger by the day.

If the Asian tiger economies

were regarded as a competitive threat before, it is a considerably more frightening one now that the region has been forced into dramatic devaluations of their currencies.

There is no doubt that, once their tottering banking systems are nursed back to stability, Asia will export itself out of trouble very quickly. Given that many of the region's economies are going to be suffering a significant de-mand shock, the tigers have no choice but to try to flood Europe and America, among others, with their goods. In this context, French resistance to deregulating its labour market borders on

Talking about flexibility will not be enough. If Britain achieves one thing during its presidency, it would be to insist on the strict application of the principle of subsidiarity in labour market and social legislation.

# America looks to 'John Wayne' to halt Microsoft's stampede

Bill Gates had demigod status

but became a 'wanted man'.

Oliver August finds out why

ruin anyone's end-ofyear celebrations. Bill ■ Gates is currently nursing the wounds inflicted on his personal fortune. Stock market gyrations took a heavy toll of America's richest man. But he will remember 1997 as his *annus horribilis* for more

than financial reasons. Until this year, he was the darling of America's fastestgrowing industry, the demigod of the computer world, the corporate citizen number one who would ensure America's future global dominance. At the height of his popularity, the launch of Windows 95 software live on CNN was treated like the official announcement of the Eleventh Commandment

This summer the Microsoft chairman visited Britain and Russia and was received with the ceremonial pomp usually reserved for heads of state. Parish councils everywhere wanted him to open plants in their backyard and universities begged him to toss them a slice of high-tech research. Schoolchildren lifted their fin-gers from keyboards to wave at the modern-day alchemist. Royalty was wheeled out to convey the respect and esteem the Old World held him in. All but the sacrificial slaughter of a rival computer product on the airport tarmac was included in the ceremonies.

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What a change it must have made for Gates. For at home, he has become a bogeyman. The only hands waving at him are clenched in angry fists. Fan mail has been replaced by court orders. His own Microsoft programmes are being turned on him by furious e-mailers who bombard him with electronic jibes and complaints. Seeking refuge, he moved into a secluded 100room mansion in the remote woods of Washington state shielded by the Rocky Mountains. The Gates compound is already being dubbed Xanadu: after the mad mogul's castle in Orson Welles's film Citizen Kane.

The vilification of the Microsoft chairman started in relative harmlessness as a string of jokes forwarded and multiplied on the Internet. He was an obvious target as the key personality in the industry. One joke that reached The Times e-mail envisions Gates, Bill Clinton and Al Gore perishing in an aeroplane crash Arriving in heaven, they are asked by God what they believe in. Gore says he believes that the combustion engine is evil and the environment needs saving. God nods in approval and invites him to says he believes in the good in man and the power of democracy. God invites him to sit on his right and then turns to Gates. And what do you believe?" Gates replies: "l believe you are in my chair."

The Gates jokes are now swamping Internet sites once devoted to serious and informed debate about problems with Microsoft programmes. Gallows humour remains as the last line of defence. Old jokes are recycled with new punchlines. How many Microsoft engineers does it take to change a lightbulb? None. They just declare that darkness will be the new universal standard."

The charge behind the jokes is a serious one. Americans and their Government have hecome alarmed over the past 12 months about Microsoft's market dominance. Surveys regularly find that Gates is believed to be more powerful than Clinton. The paranoia that Gates "wants to take over the world" is based on the fact that he has not only a monopoly but a stranglehold on per-

sonal computers.
One is more likely to find a Microsoft product in any giv-en American home or office than a product made by Coca-Cola, Disney or Kodak. Gabriel Goldberg, of the Capital PC Users Group, said: "I am not a Microsoft basher. I run Windows 95. But I really like competition. Suppose you could only buy food from McDonald's?"

In November Gates was treated to a virtual crucifixion at a Microsoft-bashing conference organised by Ralph Nader, the consumer champion. Now Bob Dole, last year's Republican presidential candidate, has jumped on the bandwagon. Once again he is rattling a tin can. This time he is asking for money to fund an anti-Microsoft campaign. He wrote in a letter to other

computer companies: "In the coming months, we will need to educate the public, the Administration and Congress about a laisser faire attitude toward Microsoft. I am personally convinced that if nothing is done now, it will be increasingly difficult to have fair competition in the years ahead. That is why we need companies like yours to help to finance and

support our efforts." The animosity toward Microsoft and Gates has been fuelled by what is seen as the company's arrogance and in-competence. Niels Bryan-Low, the American-born managing director of Proteus, a London Internet company, said: "It is not just that Microsoft is allpowerful and people fear it could one day limit our free-



Concern has grown about the dominance of the Microsoft empire run by Bill Gates

dom to communicate. There is also the complaint that Microsoft products don't work. It has a monopoly so it gets away with murder. Microsoft servers crash all the time. Instead of fixing its existing products, it continually churns out new ones with new problems. The only rea-son the company gets away with it is that there is no

competition. That's why people hate them so much." The vilification of Microsoft and Gates reached a new climax with the current antitrust suit waged by the Justice Department. Joel Klein, the government lawyer in charge,

won a rare victory earlier this Microsoft complies with the ruling. The move is reminis-cent of UN sanctions against month, when a judge compelled the company to divorce its Windows 95 operating sysrogue nations such as Iraq. tem from its Internet software. Gates makes an unlikely er The Justice Department is satz Saddam, but he is on the way to topping a business version of "America's most alleging that Microsoft is forcing computer manufacturers to use its Internet software if wanted man" list. they want to load up the operating system. The reason for this, according to Mr Klein, is that the company wants to win

Not since the days of J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller has a businessman who is not a fraudster à la Boesky and Milken - faced so much animosity in America. Like Morgan and Rockefeller. Gates accumulated his fortune by dominating the fastestgrowing sector of the economy
— steel and railways a huntoday. But that's where the similarities end.

While Morgan and Rockefeller were arrogant men who preferred the company of welleducated Englishmen to that of their workers and fellow steel barons, Gates embraces a touchy-feely corporate cul-ture. To his short-sleeved, besandled employees on the company campus on the Pacific coast he is simply Bill, an approachable nerd who has turned many of them into stock option millionaires.

Microsoft itself explains the public animosity as greed and jealousy. Brad Chase, a vicepresident, said: There is this weird thing in America about the way we deal with successful companies."

He misses the point. Americans don't begrudge Gates his \$32 billion fortune nor did they display schadenfreude when it plunged from \$39 billion. They believe he's worth all those billions and more. It's his just desert for being wildly successful, Wall Street values Microsoft on a par with the whole US car sector.

Why Gates has become a bogeyman in a country that cherishes wealth and admires success can only be understood in the context of America's obsession with modern technology. Britons still think of computers as a tool. Partly out of contempt for soulless machines, partly out of Luddite fear, computers have not taken centre stage in our public consciousness.

ut in America "cyberspace" has filled the spiritual void created when the Wild West was conquered and irrigated. Cyberspace is the new frontier. A land of wide open plains where every American can stake his or her claim. Cyberspace gives them the chance to follow the example of their forefathers, to trek into uncharted territory, taking destiny into their own hands. And today they can do so from their living room without having to massacre Red Indians.
The computer sector is a land

of grand opportunities and untold wealth — as Gates demonstrated. He was the grand-father of the new gold rush. But America turned against him when he reached a position from which he could control the progress of all other gold dig-gers. The threat that he could control access to the Internet

was the final straw. Americans fear he could curtail their new trek west by erecting barriers. Whether any one person or company could shackle their American Dreams is questionable. But many Americans agree with Roberta Katz, a vice-president of Netscape, a Microsoft competitor, who said: "Microsoft wants to create a giant toil booth for the internet." In Mr Klein, America has found its new John Wayne.

## **Energy trends** to generate fresh concern

Jason Nissé examines scenarios

put forward in recent research

lobal warming, privatisation, the future of the mining industry, nuclear fuel reprocessing, wind power, solar energy, hydroelectric plants, insulation - the list of issues facing the energy sector is almost endless. But

how is the market going to develop in the next century? Few organisations can predict with any accuracy how the market will pan out in the next millennium. However, re-searchers at Vattenfall, Sweden's largest energy group, have spotted a series of trends developing in how people buy their fuel and electricity or power their motor vehicles. The group has given The Times access to this work which maps out four scenarios for how the market will develop in the next century. According to Eva Ström, of Vattenfall, these scenarios are not mutally exclusive. Different countries may go down different paths, and

more than one scenario may take place within a country. Money rules: The world economy becomes increasingly global, distributing energy becomes easier through

pipelines and

powerlines and

there is limited

and so their price

regulation by national and international governments. Fossil fuels are initially cheap, encouraging less well-off countries to invest in projects that are not environmentally friendly. Despite pressure from leading economies at forums like the Kyoto summit, there is little economic incentive for poorer countries to deal with their environmental problems. However, the heavy usage of fossil fuels increases their scarcity and so their price, penalising the poorer countries, which end up with large bills both for cleaning up their environments and for the fossil fuels that they have chosen to burn.

Sunstroke: The greenhouse effect is seen as a critical survival problem requiring political co-operation on a glob al scale. The US and China concede that the European attitude to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions is correct. In addition to strict controls of CO2 emissions there is heavy investment in developing CO2free and sustainable resource alternatives (for example, using fast-growing forests to turn into woodpulp for fuel), not only for generating energy, but also for transport. In particular this provides a boost to hydroelectric power — currently considered too expensive by many electricity companies - and solar energy developments while for cars, lorries, trains and aircraft there is greater use of ethanol based fuel and electric-powered vehicles. Patchwork: In this scenario the political process takes a greater role in energy decisions. Vattenfall, using evidence already emerging within Scandinavia, has noted that some people are willing to pay a premium price for electricity if they know it is generated locally and have some say in how it is generated. This follows concern over the willingness or ability of national gov-

ernments to force generators to look after the environment. Taking this a step further, regional politicians seize the initiative and enter into "welfare state" partnership with energy producers to build small-scale, perhaps more ecologically friendly, generators. In this scenerio there is a breakdown of national energy poli-

cies in some countries and a reduction in the influence of big generators like National Power Heavy usage of fossil fuels or PowerGen. This could be made possible will increase by technological improvements their scarcity that allow biomass projects such as the one

being built in North Yorkshire by Yorkshire Water - or small hydroelectric plants generating power for a few thousand homes to be built for a relatively low capital outlay. However, in less developed countries regional solutions may be a reaction to attempts by national governments to cut CO2 emissions and may end up creating more pollution in the quest for cheap locally generated power.

Splendid isolation: Market

forces come more and more to the fore, with national governments largely giving up their regulatory role. Two groupings in society emerge — those who accept the increasing influence of multinational organisations with their reliance on traditional energy forms and those who essentially "drop out" of the process, going back to the land. using old-style arts and crafts and generating any electricity they use on a small scale, us-

ing, say, wind or solar power. Vattenfall takes the view that, in all likelihood, there will be a combination of all four scenarios, but that the balance will lead to more pressure to protect the environment. Its researchers point out that if energy companies do not become aware of ilities, then their customers and regulators will force awareness upon them.

# Tiger feat

once familiar voice in the new year. Jonathan Custance Baker is gradually taking over the top roles at Exeter Investment Group, the money manager he joined as managing director in October. I am not sugges-

ting Custance Baker is in any way a publicity hound, but he did once pose with a live tiger to help to launch James Capel's Far East Tiger Index Fund a few years back. This event has entered City mythology, and he is now widely believed to have put his head

of this non-existent event. "I'm not that mad," he says. Custance Baker has spent the past three years labouring under some improbably long

in the tiger's mouth, to the ex-

tent that his publicity people

have even offered me pictures

EXPECT to hear more of a job title at the Bank of Bermuda. He is taking over the chairmanship of EIG's unit trust arm and will eventually run the investment trust side as well, as Ian Henderson, EIG's chief executive and founder, bows out towards

retirement. I ask if leaving Bermuda was a wrench, even if it did reunite him with his family. Tve had three miserable years lying in the sunshine trying to decide if it was the right weather for sailing or for golf. Someone had to do it."

AS WE journalists are no longer allowed to identify guilty parties, I am not allowed to name the investment bank involved, but a correction reached my desk



yesterday to one of those analysts recommendations for 1998. The document has had to be reprinted because of errors, so use this version and discard the previous one, it says. And just which bits were wrong? A quick comparison with the old copy makes it

clear. Yes, those tricky "buy" and "hold" bits.

the same monopoly position

on the Internet that it has in

the operating system market.

Once achieved, Gates could

control access to the Internet.

Mr Klein is seeking a \$1 mil-lion (£600,000) a day fine until

#### Pass it on

I AM sorry to have to break the news to those people who have participated in good faith, but there is another of those chain letters going around the City purporting to benefit Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, I have just received my second approach. Recipients are asked to help to raise more than £1.5 million for the hospital, which has recently had to close four wards to make ends meet". They are asked to contribute just £2 to the hospital but forward copies of the letter to ten further individuals.

These things are started honestly and with the best of motives. The trouble is, the hospital does not approve, and wants them stopped. This is not a form of fundraising it en-



"Forget the Mayor of London - I just want to

dorses, and some facts in the letter are incorrect. If you wish to make a donation, the hospital is very grateful, but members of the public are advised not to pass the letter on. There. I feel a proper heel for telling you, and in the season of goodwill, too.

☐ BRAND warriors: corporate leaders share their winning strategies is a business book available to British Airways excutive club members at a special price. And which brand warrior heads the list of corporate leaders in the ad in BA's giveaway magazine? Bob Ayling, chief executive of BA.

#### Scam claim

A MILLENNIAL forecast from one City fraudbuster, which warns of a new wave of frauds coming to light in 1999. It seems frauds, like sunspots, El Niño and hemlines on skirts, arrive in easily predictable cycles, of four years in this case. Simon Bevan, of the Arthur Andersen Fraud Services Unit, claims that BCCI, Maxwell, Wallace Smith Trust and Roger Levitt all emerged in 1991. In 1995 there

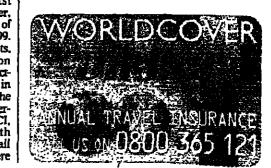
was Barings and Daiwa. Therefore I believe that another bout of major fraud cases will emerge before the end of the century, probably in

His argument is that a big wave of frauds puts other managers on their guard. They spend the first year of the cycle putting in controls to pre-vent their own businesses falling victim. By years three and four these defences grow lax, and the fraudsters strike. Logi-

seems to disregard one or two important facts, that many frauds such as Barings and Sumitomo are more a case of individuals trying to dig themseives out of trouble and merely getting in deeper, or that others, such as Robert Maxwell, go on for some years without being discovered. But l pass it on to you anyway as something else to worry about

cal enough, except that it

MARTIN WALLER







Tony Blair will fight for the environment during his presidency of the European Union, which starts tomorrow

# How technology is helping to clean up the streets of Britain

half the cars fares were abolished on public transport. But when the same levels of nitrogen dioxide were detected in London, no action was taken. So are we doing enough to combat the prob-

Tony Blair begins his Presidency of the European Union romorrow with the promise to concentrate on fighting crime. creating jobs - and cleaning up the environment. He has already pledged to cut emissions of carbon dioxide by 20 per cent within 20 years. More than a lifth of the gas produced in the UK comes from

The British Government is already trying to fight the urban menace of air pollution. It runs an hourly information service about smog levels available to the public on Ceefax, radio, newspapers and the Internet - to deter motorists and help those with asthma and lung or heart diseases to decide when to stay in.

The system has now been updated so that it measures levels of carbon monoxide and the dangerous airborne particles called narticulates, as well dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and ozone.

There are various national programmes to monitor air quality in the UK, but with legislation expected soon, local authorities are increasingly being expected to play their part in curbing pollution and New measures to combat pollution could mean cars being kept out of

ine. By linking it with Hamp-shire's traffic data and the Met

Office's weather forecast

database you can predict traf-

fic pollution by season, by

month or even by day. By expanding the model in

Hampshire we can pick up

England and the rest of

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our traffic control systems and

link the system across the

The council has been mea-

suring traffic pollution from

permanent air-monitoring sta-

tions in Winchester. Another

station was built some dis-

tance from the traffic. "By

taking one result from the

other you know how much

pollution is caused directly by

Information is transmitted

by ISDN line to the council

headquarters, where comput-

ers make graphs from the data

to show the effect of a particu-

lar pollutant. The information

is also sent to public display

translate the data into simple

ough of Southwark also uses

LCD screens to warn the

public of bad air quality. Its

monitoring stations measure

ozone by passing ultra-violet

light through samples of air:

the more light is absorbed, the

greater the concentration of

warning messages.

units on the roadside, which

traffic." Ciaburro says.

its main cause — traffic on the road. Computer monitoring technology is the weapon they

are using to fight it. To fit in with the Government's plans, roadside airquality monitors could be linked to computer systems across Britain that change traffic lights, levy charges on motorists or block roads. Air pollution can be mea-

sured in many ways, using equipment as simple as a plastic tube with absorbent material at one end, or sophisticated electronic analysers that take measurements every

Hampshire County Council not only monitors pollution but also predicts it, using technology designed to track radioactive fallout from a Chernobyl-style disaster. The Met Office's Nuclear Accident Response Model will be developed to locate sources of pollution entering the county and to predict where it is

Tony Ciaburro, the council's head of transportation plan-ning, says: "Being able to predict pollution levels means you can advise people to stay home or travel by bus. During the Cold War the Met Office had developed a computer to deal with nuclear incidents. We felt we could make good use of this mach-

measured with an infra-red analyser, working on the principle that the gas absorbs infra-red at specific wavecity centres, says Gavin Hadland In its drive to cut air

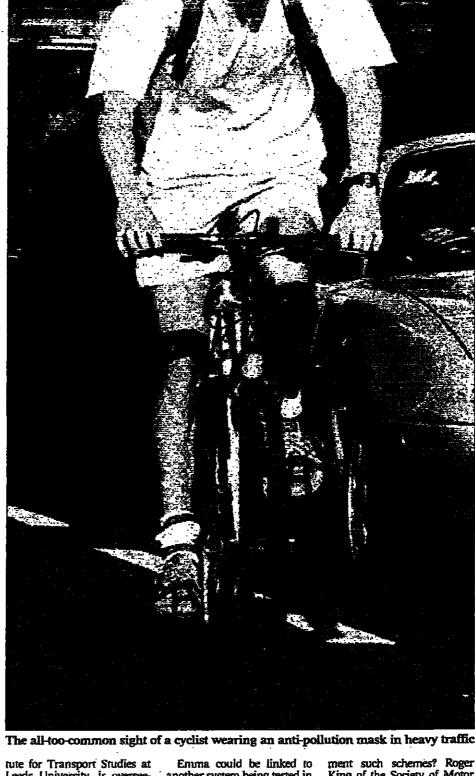
pollution, the council has also carried out a large trial of remote emission sensing from the roadside. Passing vehicles have been checked, their exhaust emissions recorded and number plates identified. If the scheme were implemented, drivers of polluting vehicles could be sent advice on reducing emissions.

In Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire a new system has been developed to link pollution with traffic flow. A project known as Emma (Environmental Monitoring in Metropolitan Areas), partly funded by the Government, will lead to traffic management strategies to reduce emissions and improve the environment

A network of air quality sensors, developed with Siemens, has been installed on main roads to enable researchers to predict congestion or pollution problems up to 48 hours in advance.

In Leicester such predictions have been used to change the timing of traffic lights so that fewer cars are allowed into when a build-up of pollution is detected there. This scheme, the Effect project, a Europeanfunded initiative which uses Swedish software to monitor air quality, is also being tested in Maidstone, Kent.

Margaret Bell of the Insti-



The all-too-common sight of a cyclist wearing an anti-pollution mask in heavy traffic

Leeds University, is overseeing Emma. "When we forecast high levels of pollution we will try to persuade the public to car-share or to delay short trips," she says. "If they respond we can measure any significant drop in vehicle levels and corresponding pollution levels. We can then go them they've done a good job.
"If people stopped making

short trips by car we could reduce pollution levels. In fact if everyone kept their car engines and exhausts in good condition, we could reduce pollution by 50 per cent."

another system being tested in Leicester, where cars are electronically tagged and drivers charged a fee when they enter the city centre. Such a plan would fit in with the Government's plans. "The experiment will be to see how much motorists would have to be charged before they use park and ride." says Dr Bell. "So far research has shown that people are willing to pay a lot

to avoid giving up their cars." Technology for deterring motorists such as road pricing and car metering systems has been shown to work, but would it be possible to imple-

King of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has said: "The problem with getting people to travel by public transport is that it is always the other guy who should leave his car at home." Dr Bell adds: "We must

reduce the number of cars on the road — that is accepted," she says, "But human nature is such that it will be difficult. It will be a brave government that introduces this kind of measure. Members of the public are very married to their cars. But if they don't take advice on pollution it may be necessary."

to exceed these targets."

The company is also work-

ing to refurbish and repair

discarded computer hard-

ware, which will then be redistributed to the Third

World. The emphasis will be

to place the computers within

youth and environmental

projects. "Without technology,

the telecast would not be

possible," says Mason-Wadsworth. "One thing we

would like to do is to put PCs

broader initiative set

in schools in Africa."

#### **Test your** wits in Dr Keyboard's techno-quiz

AS YOU sit back and enjoy your new Christmas computer, pause for a few minutes to see how much you've learns over the past year from reading Dr Keyboard's column in Interface. Answers appear at the foot

of the column. I. The latest Intel Pentium Processor is called: (a) The Pentium II (b) The Pentium with MMX Extensions

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(c) The Rocky IV 2. What is the best chip to have in your PC's serial port? (a) An 8250 UART (b) A Harry Ramsden (c) A 16550 UART

3. What would you use to get photographic prints on your Web site?

at A scanner b) A VGA screen c) A tin of Cow Gum 4. What is your computer's

a) its star sign b) Its Basic Input Output c) Its Bus Is Overloaded Signal

5. Which is larger? a) A Megabyte b) A Gigabyte c) A Pteradactyl

6. What will the upgrade to Windows 95 be called? a) Windows 98 c) Window Cleaner

7. Cookies are: a) Delicious b) Small text files which keep: track of your progress on a " c) People who make din-dins

8. A Boolean search is: a) A way of refining a search. on a Web search engine b) Something the Starship Enterprise does c) A police raid 9. The world's largest soft-!

ware company is: a) IBM b) Microsoft c) Harrods The original size of PC

floppy disks was: a) Two cubits b) Five and a quarter inches c) Eight inches

II. Java is a) Owned by Sun Micro-

Used extensively by Microsoft programmers c) A programming language and an operating system

12. Your computer can be infected by a virus: mail message b) By sneezing on it c) By booting up with an infected floppy

13. What's the best hardware for viewing video? a) A Pentium II with a Zlin: screen and 128Mh of RAM b) A 200MHz G3 Apple Mac with 64Mb of RAM c) A 42in Phillips TV with a 3.

surround-sound VCR 14. Software piracy is: a) Something everyone does
 b) All right if you don't ler too many people copy it c) A heinous crime committed only by fools

15. Your Dos games don't work in Windows 95 because: 2 a) Bill Gates wants all your T money and doesn't care b) it's full of bugs and the programmers are stupid c) You haven't clicked on t Start/Help

lé. You back up your computer regularly because: a) You're not stupid b) You realise you can't recreate your data c) You read Dr Keyboard every week and heed his

17. You don't know how to F network two PCs together a) They're not Apple Macs

b) You haven't clicked on Start/Help cl You have a full-time IT department

18. If your PC catches fire you. showld: a) Call the Fire Brigade b) Uninstall Active Desktop c) Spend more time with your

19. The best way to get 2Gb of data from London to Birmingham every day is: a) Via an ISDN connection b) Via T1 lines connected to the Internet at each end, with NI, workstations running VPN (Virtual Private Networking)

20. The best computers in the world run: . a) Microsoft Windows NT

c) Via DHL Couriers

b) Apple's Macintosh OS c) The programs you want **ANSWERS** 

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# Year 2000 brings benefits for the Third World



he Year 2000 has had a bad press over the past year in technology pages. Today, as people go about their last-minute preparations for New Year's Eve parties, those who work in the IT industry realise they have just two years to prepare their computers for the frightening

change of date. Many companies are replacing their machines for PCs which are truly millenniumcompliant with little thought about what to do with all that redundant hardware.

In a project which brings a new meaning to the word reclamation, a Scottish-based charity is working with an IT company to recycle PCs and make them available to the Third World. The Millennial Foundation aims to improve life for children in the developing world. It is working with software auditing company Prove It 2000, which is also donating a small percentage of the proceeds from all its software sold for the Year 2000 "It is ironic that a problem

founded firmly in the developed world will improve life in poorer nations," says Catherine Bell (pictured left) of the Huntingdon-based software company. "Technology can benefit the world in more ways than one.

As the IT industry knows to its cost, years were automatically recorded as two digits instead of four. This means that on January 1, 2000, many computers will revert to either

For Audrey Mason-Wadsworth, that date will also be important but for different reasons. She and her late husband realised that the cultural impact of that date change could provide a unique opportunity to encourage youth education around the world. She is chairman of the Millennial Foundation which was set up to raise global awareness of the new millennium by fundraising activities. "We are simply celebrating the says. "We will have a live telecast to coincide with New Year's Day arriving at 31 sites across the globe." The charity - which counts

Magnus Magnusson and the Earl of Lichfield among its trustees - avoids the word millennium because of heated debate as to when the new century begins. There was no year zero, and because IAD saw the start of the first millennium, January I 2001 is technically the start of the third. The word millennial avoids that confusion." says Mason-Wadsworth.

Its key initiative on that day will be an international telecast, covering the whole of the globe. Given Magnus Magnusson's involvement it is fitting that it will start and finish in the Pacific where the New Year dawns first. Through 24 time zones, we will co-ordinate many fundraising activities," says Mason-Wadsworth. "Only a small proportion of funds are



likely to be pledged on that day. The telecast will be the culmination of many events planned for the next two

million worldwide. Prove It 2000 will donate 5p from every Year 2000 software disk it sells as well as lp for every millennium-compliant computer it sells. "Demand is so high that sales of only 20 million disks would benefit the Millenial Foundation to the tune of £1



A up by the Glasgow-based foundation is called Yes 2000, an acronym which stands for youth and Overall, the target is £500 environmental support. But there is another, more subtle reason for the name. "We chose the word yes deliberately." says Mason-Wadsworth. Yes is one of the most positive words in every language." The foundation is working with Unesco, the World Bank and the UN Environment Programme to ensure that funds raised will have benefits way beyond that date change two years hence. BE THE FASTEST WITH THE NEW 56Kbps' SPORTSTER FLASH

As part of its own contribution to the project, Prove It 2000 is setting up a taskforce to find unwanted PCs which could be rendered millennium-compliant and then shipped to developing countries. "The Third World desperately needs trade rather than aid," says Bell. "By introducing recycled Year 2000-compliance technology we will make a greater contributton than by simply pouring in cash."

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featuring a girl called Orly. It includes on-screen drawing tools and paints.

1888 to 1996 and is also available in smaller multi-year segments.

# 1997: the Interface end-of-term report

rs been a turbulent year for the technology industry. Hype, misinformation and general uncertainty as to pricing and product stan-dards have all added to the mix. with companies from every side of the marketplace claiming to be shakers and movers in 1997.

Interface takes a retrospective look at the past 12 months, and offers an end-ofyear report on the real winners and losers.

INDUSTRY NAMES

Recommended: Hewlett-Packard continue to compete aggressively and professionally in a variety of technology markets. The well-built and attractively featured equipment range has propelled the company from being an also-ran to the position of a \$43 billion giant second only

to IBM in the computer rankings.

Disappointing: Apple seems to excel at snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

Even the most loyal of their supporters must be wondering where it will all end, as the company prevaricates over the choice of a permanent chief executive and continues to lose top executive talent to its

competitors. Watch our for: RealNetworks, the creators of software for transmitting multimedia over the Internet, has just enjoyed a successful share flotation in the US and all the signs are that this innovative Seattle-based company could be going places. Clever net companies continue to hold the confidence of Wall Street even in these troubled times, and Real has good products, as well as an added edge in the form of Microsoft as a shareholder.

Recommended: Pentium II architecture. It may not offer a quantum leap in performance terms right now, but the new Intel processor and motherboard architecture promises serious speed and convenience benefits over the next couple of

Disappointing: MMX and CE handheld computers. A victim of its own hype, MMX is the damp squib that never really took off. The technology was sold as an important milestone in multimedia computing, but in reality has had far less impact on the PC than 3-D graphics cards. Windows CE computers also failed to set the world alight this year. Heralded as the answer to portable computing dreams, the systems turned out to be battery hogs with mediocre performance and few

Watch out for: The low price of RAM (and more efficient microprocessors) continues to drive the inventive development of smaller, more powerful computer products. Watch for the mini notebook and personal organiser market to boom as products from Japan start to filter out on to the international scene.

Recommended: Windows NT has come



Now pay attention, class: what ever would Mr Chips have made of the 1997 generation of super-chip computers?

After a fast-moving year, Nigel Powell reviews the tops and flops in the IT industry from software to mobile phones, plus the technologies destined to make an impact in the coming months

how fast and widespread the adoption of eclipsed the dedicated console systems in the Microsoft operating environment has

Not only is it sweeping the board in large companies around the world, but it is gaining important wins in industry sectors such as broadcast and graphic design which have traditionally been the stronghold of companies such as Apple, SGI and Sun.

Disappointing: The problem with over-hyping a product or technology is that eventually you have to deliver on the promises, and in this respect Java has been a disappointment this year.

Beset by excruciatingly slow performance across the Internet, Corel's very public withdrawal from Java development and the exploding of the "write once, run anywhere" myth, Java is now desperately seeking a proper home in the scheme of things. Watch out for: Multimedia entertain-

ment software. PC games have already

terms of graphical quality and entertainment value. Watch for this trend to continue as chips get more powerful and technologies such as DVD start to arrive on the market.

**PERIPHERALS** 

Recommended: Colour inkjet printing. Colour printing at the desktop is now fast, high-quality and at the right price point. Products such as the landmark Lexmark 7200 have pushed the market to new levels of value and this trend is set to continue at a furious pace in the new year as the competition hots up.

Disappointing: 56K modems have been

hamstrung by continued wrangles over an official standard, and most purchasers have adopted a wait-and-see stance. This situation should change next year once the new standard is ratified by the International Telecommunications

Watch out for: Removable storage and digital cameras look set to be the hot technologies of 1998. Digital cameras continue to astonish with their improved performance and plummeting prices, and removable hard disk products from companies such as lomega and SyQuest also promise excellent value for money.

ROAD WARRIORS

Recommended: Mobile phones are becoming cheaper, more powerful and more flexible. Innovative products such as the GC25 PCMCIA/PC Card phone from Ericsson (plug it into the laptop and the computer becomes the phone) should ensure the progress of cellular conve-nience into 1998 and beyond. Disappointing: GSM data speeds. The

hoped-for benefits of universally fast speeds for wireless data transmissions have failed to materialise. The cellular authorities really need to get their act together now to meet the demand from

business for transactions on the move. Watch out for: Telecoms pricing and choice. The boom in telecommunications can only be a blessing for businesses on a budget. Mobile phones now compete directly with landline services and the continuing price reductions should benefit every business that relies on the telephone as a lifeline.

Recommended: Internet Explorer 4. Not a landmark product by any means, but a very able one. Microsoft has taken advantage of Netscape's focus on the corporate marketplace to deliver a cleverly featured and very usable Web browser. Disappointing: E-commerce has simply not caught the public's imagination yet. Few doubt that it will eventually shine, but until then the prime movers will have to overcome people's instinctive mistrust Watch for: Set-top boxes. 1998 could make

or break the set-top box. Will it be a digital television, Web-enabled beast, or a dedicated standalone Internet unit à la Microsoft's WebTV? Only time, and the canny buying public, will tell.

SMALL/HOME OFFICE Recommended: The Internet. Any small

company which fails to recognise the potential of the World Wide Web to improve their business service is destined to regret it. It may not be obvious right now, but the Web is a slow but sure revolution in the making.

Disappointing: Technology support. The small business purchaser is still being treated with contempt by most technology vendors when it comes to technical assistance. User documentation (nowadays trendily re-named online help) generally remains pitiful, and pre and post-sales support is patchy at best. Watch out for: Improved mobile and home office facilities. New digital telephone links, cheaper video-conferencing

systems from companies such as Intel and better fax/telephone services should all offer the small business more options for keeping in touch with customers and

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# Beware: that 'secure' phone can be cloned

ritish researchers say they can now clone digital telephones - used by VIPs including the Royal Family because they were thought to be unhackable -- and that calls made on these phones are widely eavesdropped on by the security

A team at Cambridge University's Computer Labs (CUCL) believe they can now intercept what were thought to be indecipherable codes sent by telephones using the GSM (Global System for Mobile communications) system to clone a user's telephone and make calls at their expense.

GSM telephones became popular after a series of embarrassing disclosures when radio hams eavesdropped on private conversations involv-ing the Prince of Wales, Mrs Camilla Parker-Bowles and the Princess of Wales and sold transcripts to national newspapers.

Because the system is supposed to use high-level encryption between the handset and base station, it was thought that such disclosures would be impossible. Another advantage of the system is that, unlike with analogue mobile phones, it should be impossible to intercept codes the handset uses to identify itself to the network and program them into another a telephone, thereby allowing a criminal to make calls at the expense of the innocent user.

But now Ross Anderson of CUCL says he and a team of researchers have found there are glaring security holes in the GSM system which would let anyone clone a GSM **GSM** codes

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telephone. His discovery followed a challenge from MobilCom, a subsidiary of German company TeleKom, which offered 100,000 DM (£33,900) to any telephone hacker who was able to communicate at the expense of the (national) number 0171-328 9966. The related SIM card was said to be safely stored in a lawyer's office. The cash would go to a "social institu-tion" of the backer's choice.

"This caught our attention," wrote Anderson in the online Risks Forum newsletter. "Cambridge University, being a registered charity, surely qualifies as a social institution. and 100,000 DM would buy us a triple-wavelength laser microprobe workstation for chipcard breaking. So we had a look at GSM and found a

way to hack it. "We worked out what equipment we'd need and where we could borrow it, assembled the team, checked that the attack would work, and then started trying to find the right person in Deutsche Telekom to speak

"We needed to know the IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identification) and get written confirmation of the challenge; otherwise the attack might have been interpreted as an offence under Britain's Wireless Telegraphy Act."

Anderson eventually received a fax from the German telephone company, saying

the offer had been withdrawn, but he still believes the "hack" is possible, "When a GSM phone is turned on, its identity (the IMSI) is relayed to the authentication centre of the company that issued it, and this centre sends back a set of five 'triples'," he says.

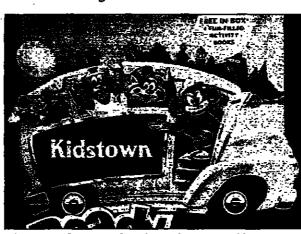
Each triple consists of a random challenge, a response that the handset must return to authenticate itself, and a key for encrypting subsequent traffic between the mobile and the base station. The station then relays the random challenge to the handset.

The SIM card which personalises the handset holds a secret code issued by the authentication centre, and it computes both the response and the content key from the random challenge using this secret code. The vulnerability we planned to exploit is that, though there is provision in the standard for encrypting the traffic between the base station and the authentification centre, in practice operators leave the transmissions

The official reason for doing so is simplicity, but Anderson claims it is so that the security services can listen in to what users believe are private calls. Anderson says the necessary equipment would cost £12,500 and could be assembled by a months. "Essentially, you could charge calls to any GSM phone whose IMSI you know. IMSIs can be harvested by eavesdropping, both passive and active," he says. "IMSIcatchers are commercially



Into the hi-tech age: Fisher-Price's Fun for Kids



Kidstown, the educational toy aimed at toddlers



The Magic Circus comes to town on the home computer

# Baby toys in smooth move to multimedia

o you remember your Action Ramps garage with the lift that you wound up and down to get the tiny cars in and out? Or how about the Farmyard with all those neat little plastic animals?

Now educational toymaker Fisher-Price, creator of the world's best-loved baby activity centre, has developed a new range of activities for preschool children that make the family computer more impor-Fisher-Price has made edu-

cational toys for the past 65 years. It is said that one in two children in the UK has played with one of its Baby Activity Centres. Now the company's Ready for Learning series of software takes over where the activity centre left off. The company has managed

to transfer its "feel-good factor" into software without losing any of the charm. The four current titles are aimed at children aged from 18 months to six years old, and feature a range of activities. Each title has a progressive

ly more advanced content which, starting with Play Family, deals with basic counting and shape-sorting sections and moves on through the Kidstown, Toyland, and Magic Circus titles to cover simple arithmetic and even telling the time. The whole series has a strong musical content.

Some of Fisher-Price's success must be owing to its policy suit the marketplace. It reviews more than 4,500 new product ideas every year, but only ten to 15 make it into the final stage. Each year, more than 2,000 children are asked to participate in product tests to determine which products will be sold.

Parents are actively involved in the tests, too - more than 1,000 (mostly mothers) are asked for their opinions on the latest innovations in play technology. The first Fisher-Price pull-

along toy, made in 1930 and called Dr Doodle, was the which has, to date, produced

brainchild of Irving L. Price, who teamed up with Herman G. Fisher to create a company

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logical step forward.

RAY HATLEY

#### Best new software titles

Encyclopaedia Britannica CD 98 (Encyclopaedia Britannica, £125): The most comprehensive collection of information reviewed this year, with 72,000 articles on two CDs offering a huge range of fully searchable data suitable for eight-year-olds to academics. A slightly complex installation program is the only real drawback. (0800 282433)

Drugsense (New Media, E74.95): Today's primary school children are becoming increasingly aware of drugs. This multimedia resource, aimed at teachers and pupils aged between nine and 13, contains real life stories, computer games, peer group pressure tactics and aids to enable teachers to structure lessons that deal with the problem of drugs. Printable data sheets include common terminology and what to do in an emergency. (01491 413999)

2 Good 2 Be True (Sierra, £34.99): A compilation of six quality Sierra titles worth more than E70, including Ultimate Soccer Manager, EarthSiege, Caesar, 3D Ultra Pinball, Print Artist and Nascar Racing. It needs a minimum 486DX 2/66 computer running Windows 95 with 16 Mb of Ram. (0118 920 9111)



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Judi Dench's "incandescent" performance in David Hare's Amy's View, which transfers to the West End next week, belies the terrible difficulty she had learning her lines

# The millennium dame

t this late date it hardly needs pointing out that Judi Dench is a great actress, but it is the specific nature of her greatness that continues to enthral. Whereas Maggie Smith brilliantly peddles a persona and Diana Rigg traffics in a defining English cool. Dench remains the sole theatrical dame to disappear inside roles so varied that she is playing Cleopatra. Gertrude and Lady Bracknell one minute, singing Sondheim and Kander and Ebb the next.

Like the late Peggy Ashcroft, Dench is finding well into her career a screen renown that has eluded her for the better part of 40 years. Just turned 63, Dench is being touted by The New York Times as the one performer assured a best actress nomination (for Mrs Brown) when the Oscar hopefuls are named in February. And she has already been nominated for a Golden Globe, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's annual awards which are widely regarded as pointers to the Oscars. It is not surprising, though, to learn that Dench isn't sure she can attend the March 23 Academy Awards ceremony if she is indeed nominated. The actress is otherwise engaged until April with her first love, the theatre, giving a performance in Amy's View that her director, Richard Eyre, rightly describes as completely incan-

David Hare's play opened last

Talk of an Oscar nomination for Mrs Brown has not diminished Judi Dench's love affair with the theatre, she tells Matt Wolf

June at the National and is now preparing its West End transfer, with Broadway to follow in spring 1999. Written with Dench in mind, Amy's View casts the actress as an actress, so one can safely assume that the gifts ascribed to her character, Esme, are no less true of the player herself. 'Layers, i play a lot of layers," Esme explains early on, adding in the final scene that true artistry "comes with the passage of time: you go deeper right down to the core".

Dench, for her part, prefers not to analyse a talent that she has been refining since 1957, when she attracted attention as Ophelia to John Neville's Hamlet at the Old Vic. "After all, it is the profession. It is the basic skill; if you can't get that right, you simply shouldn't be doing the job." she says, paraphrasing a remark of Esme's in the play. Speaking in that distinctive vocal husk matched only by her Amy's View costar Samantha Bond, Dench continues: "It's like a mille-feuilles cake that's 1,000 layers down: when you're reading a part, you see a line but you're not necessarily saying that line at all. If you can't understand that, you might as well give up.

Esme is the third actress played by Dench of late, following her Arkadina in The Seagull and a

remarkable Desirée Armfeldt in A Little Night Music, who made of the potentially overfamiliar Send In the Clowns a poignant act of selfcriticism: for once, one recognised Desiree herself as the greatest dupe. They're three different girls,

> 6 An award is lovely but it means the next day you've got to do better 9

though," says Dench. "That's why any similarity didn't occur to me because they are different people, and different people react in different ways, whether they are accountants. secretaries, or whatever."

More apparent, at least at first, was the difficulty Dench was having learning a role about which she can afford many months later to be passionate. "I mean, I could do the whole of Twelfth Night now, and Midsummer Night's Dream and Measure For Measure: none of that is hard because Shakespeare has such a rhythm and you just remember it." With Amy's View, by contrast, "after three weeks, I asked Richard to release me. I was in a terrible state, I couldn't learn it at all. I used to go straight home, get into the bath, and say to myself I cannot get out until I

have learnt four to five pages. I was

perils notwithstanding, Dench remains a creature of the theatre, both solo and in tandem with Michael Williams, her husband of nearly 27 years. (The couple have a daughter, Finty, herself an actress who has a small role in Mrs Brown.) "I know some people don't want that thing of ever having to do a play twice or four times or 100 times, but I like it. I think if I chose only to do films, I would get very easily and quickly disheartened."

That may explain why she sounds mostly bemused by her enhanced screen profile at the moment, not just as Oueen Victoria in Mrs Brown but as James Bond's no-nonsense boss "M" in the two most recent instalments of the enduring cinema franchise. Previously, her film work had consisted mostly of supporting roles in Henry V, 84 Charing Cross Road and A Room with a View, among others, and about two seconds in the Kenneth Branagh Hamlet. "I'm squeamish about seeing my-

self anyway on screen; I don't like it. A friend saw Tomorrow Never Dies and said, 'Do be prepared; your face is bigger than your house." The Bond film. Dench says, is proof positive of what the theatre offers that all too many films do not. "It's not witty. I mean, its wonderful for chases and all those things, but somehow you long for real lines."

Has Mrs Brown changed things? \*Only that lots and lots of people have written to me saying, I've never heard of you; will you send me a biography." smiles Dench, aware that even an arthouse film originally intended for television will reach more people than a lifetime on stage ever could. In the spring she will play another queen - this time Elizabeth I in Shakespeare In Love, the new film directed by Mrs Brown's John Madden from a Tom Stoppard script; Gwyneth Paltrow is the star. After that it's back to the theatre to star in a revival of Eduardo De Filippo's Filumena for Peter Hall.

"If it's a question of film or theatre, theatre will probably always win out," says Dench, who greets talk of Oscars with a healthy scepticism. "An award is lovely but it means the next day you've got to do better: could do better, I think it means." • Amy's View opens on Monday Aldwych Theatre (071-416 6004)

Ros Drinkwater meets Paul Bowler, the Olympic gymnast who became a star of the spectacular Cirque du Soleil

# Rome fans its golden flame

NO COMPOSER apart from Palestrina is more closely associated with Rome than Ottorino Respighi, who spent his most productive years in the Italian capital and died there in 1936. His musical evocations of the city in The Fountains of Rome, The Pines of Rome and Roman Festivals are justly celebrated, but they have also eclipsed the rest of his output. Though his nine operas do not deserve a place in the regular repertory it was appropriate that the Teatro dell Opera should remember the composer by opening its new season with La flamma.

Premiered in the same the-atre in 1934, La fiamma was a coda to the great but dying school of Italian operatic composition, not a forward-looking masterpiece. But with all the musical and dramatic care that Rome has now lavished on the work, it makes a satisfying evening in the opera house, something it failed to do when it was the flop of this year's Wexford Festival. There it was badly staged and conducted as if it were mock Puccini: in Rome it found a conductor with real feeling for the music and a director able to mould its creaky plot, a mixture of superstition, lust and retribution.

The splendid Teatro dell' Opera Orchestra and Chorus performed excitingly, en-abling Gianluigi Gelmetti to conduct with sweep and pas-sion. All the influences -- from Monteverdi to Wagner - were

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absorbed into a compelling whole, and Respighi's striking orchestration shone through.

Hugo De Ana's new production, in his own designs, is visually stunning. The setting. Byzantine Ravenna, is evoked in the golden mosaics that cover what looks like the inside of a huge upturned arch. The stage is uncluttered — just a few giant symbols of Byzantine art, including a looming cross in the finale as judgment is passed on the anti-heroine, Silvana, accused of adultery and witchcraft.

The opera demands a soprano with great vocal presence as Silvana - the "flame" of the title - and Nelly Miricioiu supplies that in abundance. She spins long sensuous lines, hardening the voice only for expressive effect. The baritone David Pittman-Jennings is strong as her husband, the exarch of Ravenna, and Gabriel Sadè gives a decent performance as the stepson she loves, though his tenor seems too dark for the role. Mariana Pencheva as Eudossia, the mother-in-law from hell, and Olga Romanko in the small part of Monica, stand out in a large ensemble cast from depth.

JOHN ALLISON

#### Ska-ed for life

MORE than 30 years ago John Mayall was the pivotal figure in the British blues boom when his legendary band the Bluesbreakers gave a start to the likes of Eric Clapton, Peter Green and Mick Taylor. His son Gaz Mayall was brought up on the musical legacy of Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf, but his first love soon became another imported black sound, the raw beat of Jamaican ska, the precursor of modern reggae.

Today Gaz Mayall has become a passionate ambassador for British ska. He has led the Trojans for the past ten years, runs his own ska record label, and on his nights off presides at Britain's leading ska club in London's Soho. Earlier this year he produced Ska Island, a celebratory compilation featuring bands not only from the Caribbean but from California, Germany

and Japan. In Britain the scene is possessed of an undeniable energy. In a party atmosphere the seven-piece Trojans played a mixture of traditional rhythms, some audacious Gaelic ska, some reggae and some dub, and even a touch of Muddy Waters. Mayall's voice is an ordinary instrument but he makes up for it

Museum of London's exhibition.

with his showmanship. Musi-

cally the band was at its best when Mayall played the meiodeon in conjunction with the Trojans' brass section.

Mayall argues that ska is more versatile than the blues and closer to jazz in its ability to keep renewing itself. His inspiration comes in part from the 1960s Jamaican ska pioneers such as the Skatalites and Prince Buster, but the 2-Tone movement of the early 1980s also looms large, particularly on numbers such as The Great British Spliff, a quirkily home-grown tribute to Jamaica's favourite herb which could easily have been a Madness song.

What Mayall represents is ska's third wave, a revival which many of his youngest followers only remember from the record collections of their big brothers and sisters. It is none the worst for that, for ska, like the blues, is now a classic form that will never sound dated.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON "

The original sculptures from the gates of the old Bedlam hospital described by Richard Cork on these pages yesterday are on show in the Science Museum's Surprising Regions of the Mind exhibition (0171-938 8212) until May 4, and not at the

#### **GREAT BRITISH HOPES**

Rising stars in the arts firmament

JASON BROOKS

Age: 29. Profession: Painter.

In demand: His photorealist portraits have just brought him his first one-man show at London's Entwistle gallery, and a prize in this winter's John Moores Liverpool Exhibition. He teaches at Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education, where he himself studied from 1988 to 1991. In 1994 he was British Telecom artist-in-res-

idence, which entailed painting an enormous work in Waterloo station.

Has be always painted in his present style? "I've arrived at it gradually. In earlier phases my painting has been quite colourful and quite complex. At the moment I am working entirely in black-and-white, and using a single photograph." Method: "I take head-on, close-up photographs of people I know well. Then I blow them up, square them off, and

transfer the image to canvas or paper. I use acrylic applied with an airbrush, and work on the image as it is built up with a variety of weird tools to rub out or scratch the surface." Are the paintings based on a screen-printed original, like a vintage Warhol? "No. Perversely perhaps. I start at the other end. My images are entirely painted. That is the point of the

squaring off. I translate the original image into paint square

by square, working down bar by bar from the top." What is the point of making paintings that look just like photographs? "I want to make something which is at once maximal and minimal. I like my personal input to appear minimal until you look very closely. When you do you see the paradox that the sheer making of the painting has to have been very labour-intensity, and yet, like a photograph, it all seems to have happened in one tiny moment of time. Also, as you move closer to the picture it is abstracted to the point of becoming a painting which is only about painting."

Ambitions: "I would really like to do what I am doing now, but on the scale of a Cinerama screen. I would love to see what that did to both the reality and the illusion of the thing."

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

# From five rings to happiness cubed

A Bowler's idea of enter-tainment was to fling himself head first down a flight of stairs, to the consternation of his granny. While most small boys grow out of such bizarre inclinations. Bowler has achieved the distinction of turning his party piece into a career, not once, but twice, first as a British Olympic gymnast, and now as the Cube Man, star turn of Alegria, Cirque du Soleil's latest spectacular production.

For anyone who has been on Mars, Cirque du Soleil is the daddy of New Circus, a Surrealist concept that catapults the genre into the 21st century. Since 1984 it has grown from a handful of French Canadian street performers to a \$30 million industry employing 1,250 people on three continents. Its scouts scour the world for talent, and its Website issues the tempting invitation "Why not run away and join the circus?".

Bowler's act combines the skills of an acrobat and a juggler, his prop a 5ft-square cube of tubular steel, which he manipulates 30 feet in the air to dazzling effect. It appears completely effortless, but 20 years of hard slog have gone into the performance, a combination of stamina, speed and muscular endurance. It lasts a mere eight minutes but, as

Bowler says: "Eight minutes can seem like a very, very long

Born in Manchester, he had his first taste of gymnastics at the age of seven. By 16 he was one of Britain's top three gymnasts, going on to represent his country, not least at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. When he failed to qualify for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, he was devastated. "I was completely lost," he says. "I had never looked beyond gymnas-tics. All I could think was -- do I want to train 30 hours a week just to fail? It was time to call it

a day." Teaching gymnastics seemed his best option. "I taught for 12 months, 1,300 kids a week in classes of 30. They were inner-city kids, the kind who have problems in the classroom and do brilliantly in the gym. I could really identify with them. The only regret I have now is leaving them." Bowler, now 30, would

probably have remained a gym teacher if fate had not intervened in the shape of an advertisement in The Stage that a friend sent to him: "Tumblers wanted, no experience necessary". Bowler attended an open audition, and his video was sent to Cirque du Soleil's Montreal headquarters. Artistic director Andrew Watson recalls watching it my hair, let alone manipulate hear the crowd next door.
"He was fast, strong, open, the cube, I had all these 2,500 people cheering the cir-"He was fast, strong, open.

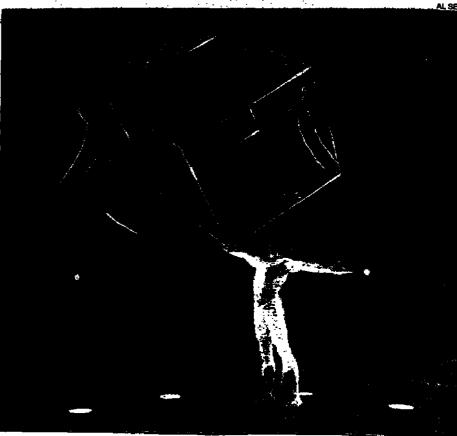
humble and hungry to learn. In other words, we knew we'd found a star."

flight to Las Vegas to meet Micha Matorin, the legendary Russian acrobat who created the act he now performs. "It never entered my head that they would offer me a solo role. I arrived jet-lagged. All I recall is two handles descending from the flies and Michagiving me quiet, firm instructions — muscle up, which means get above the rings, go to handstand. Suddenly, I was 40ft above the stage. I tell you, Mr Macho from Manchester was pretty scared.

"Does the height bother you? Micha asked. No. I lied. 'Good,' he said, 'we have no time to worry about that." "The same night I watched the show and found it mindblowing. I then had two months of intensive training. five hours a day. In addition to the technical aspects, I had to tackle the whole idea of ex-

learning to let the movements come from inside. Looking back, I'm glad I didn't know just how much I had to learn." Last March, three hours before his debut in Amster-dam, Bowler pulled a shoulder muscle so badly he could hardly move. "I couldn't comb

pressing myself emotionally,



Paul Bowler and cube: his act lasts what seems to him a "very, very long" eight minutes

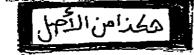
wonderful good luck cards from the kids I'd taught, and I couldn't do a thing. That was my lowest point. If I can't exercise. I'm like a caged animal. So after five days I was going crazy. I decided to my to jog and found myself next door to the circus in what had been the old Olympic stadium. Suddenly. I could hear the crowd next door.

that and being in the very stadium where Olympic he-roes had triumphed somehow inspired me, and gave me the will to go through the pain barrier. Within a week I was in the show."

Bowler is refreshingly uncool about his prew success.

The got the perfect job," he says. "Inside I've always been opens at the Albert Leville opens at the Albert Levi "I've got the perfect job." he says. "Inside I've always been opens at the Albert Hall, London a performer, pro- always SW7 (0171-589 8212) on Jan 7

cus finale. The combination of craved attention, and now feel I'm part of a vast, wonderful machine that chums out happiness and perfection. The shoulders determine now long a career I can have as a performer, but I plan to stay with Cirque perhaps in an administrative role. The more



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Theatre is dying for want of the lottery's Holy Grail, says Benedict Nightingale

# Crumbling in Camelot

there was a vast. elaborate castle. It boasted gables and porticos and turrets of every era, from the Elizabethan through the Restoration to the brutally modern. The only trouble was that the ogres responsible for its upkeep were too thrifty to keep it safely upright, so everyone was hopeful when some wizards replaced them as land-lords. Surely they would find the money to treat the woodworm in the foundations. especially as they had spouted so much grandiose rhetoric about the importance of castles and the need to keep them accessible to noblemen and peasants alike. But then the wizards removed their big warm smiles and, lo, they looked like ogres too. Forgive my retreat into

fairytale, nightmare, or dark annexe of the collective unconscious; but the problems of the British theatre are almost harder to believe when literally evoked. The year 1997 has produced some super work, perhaps above all Peter Hall's stunningly ambitious season at the Old Vic. It ends with the collapse of that enterprise, a cut in the Arts Council's annual budget, a declaration by its outgoing chairman that he's presiding over "the worst arts revenue crisis in my adult lifetime", the likely demise of major theatres - and, growing in my mind, a melancholy conviction that our drama will flourish only if the rules governing our twice-a-week flutter are adjusted more radically than the new National Lottery Bill seems to envisage.

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Skit-ed for life

After all, doesn't it rankle that woodworm and deathwatch beetle continue to thrive under a Government so boastful of its cultural enlightenment? And here I must admit that I myself was naively, stupidly excited when, as the new Leader of the Opposition three years ago. Tony Blair first uttered on the subject at the Evening Standard's drama awards.

So often we had heard politicians defending state help for the theatre for reasons of national prestige or because "Cultural Industries pic" em-ploys 2.5 per cent of the workforce and generates billions in VAT, exports and tourism. That is true, and important, and explains why i naucher. WIIC could ask "Why do we give money to awful people like Peter Hall?", tolerated subsidy for the arts. After all, the example of America suggested Sthat if it was withdrawn Cultural Industries plc, theatre and all, would founder.

Yet here was Blair proclaiming that the theatre was not "a luxury of economic progress" but "integral to our identity as a nation", because it "helps us to understand life" and "is central to the communities in which we live". The arts "enrich the quality of our life", develop the creative potential of individuals", help "minds to open and horizons broaden". It was a refreshing explana-



tion, not just of why the theatre We may soon also hear merits subsidy, but why we worrying noises from the Royal Court. It is having trouble bother with the theatre at all. But come the election; this raising the £4 million it needs to finish renovating its Sloane began to look like another case of braggadocio by Blair with small print by Brown. The Square theatre and, since its reopening may anyway be other day, Stephen Daldry, seriously delayed, will find it artistic director of the Royal difficult going on impossible to Court, declared: "The Tories continue to afford running its went to the theatre but didn't like subsidy, old Labour liked

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theatre, and new Labour doesn't like subsidy and isn't

interested in the theatre." At

any rate, the Arts Council's

budget for 1998-99 is to be

than this year and, adjusting

for inflation, £34 million less

than in 1992. As in recent

years, just £50 million of this

will probably end up keeping

some of the nation's theatres in

nothing new for the RSC.

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in its grant for four years, has

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Consequently, there will be two temporary playhouses in Out of London there have been plenty of ominous rumbles. Hull Truck can afford to open its box office for only a few hours a week, may have to close its theatre altogether. and seems likely to become a touring outfit only. Liverpool Playhouse is a disaster zone and Chichester, with its recent £600,000 loss, is rapidly betheatres, notably Greenwich, the King's Head and the Gate. coming one.

Add the British theatre's less visible problems, such as being forced by financial pressures to stage fewer new plays, reduce cast sizes, raise ticket prices beyond the reach of many new Labour voters. present blander, safer work and (at the National) run Guys and Dolls until Miss Adelaide qualifies for a Zimmer frame; and you have a situation as baffling as it is destructive to those blithe Blairite aspirations. How can there be such lamentation in the land when the lottery is not merely in full flow, but has awarded a total

on to the the At first the answer to this often-asked question was straightforward. Lottery money could not replace government funding, so it had to be confined to capital projects only. But the result was, in Alan Ayckbourn's words, like asking a man with no roof to build a conservatory". So the last Government modified the rules. It introduced Arts for Everyone, which gave lottery grants of up to £500,000 for projects that satisfied five criteria, mainly to do with developing new audiences, and allowed the Arts Council to use lottery money on "stabilisation awards", which provided arts organisations with the re-

sources "to put them on a more secure financial footing".

What does this mean in practice? For Birmingham Rep a surprising £5.7 million, for somehow it has persuaded the Arts Council that it will become financially stable if it expands by commissioning new plays and putting on large-cast productions, thus replacing a need for increased subsidy over the next five years by increasing its box-office earnings by 25 to 30 per cent".

I must say, I admire the sheer chutzpah of this. Can the theatre really promise vastly to increase its revenue by becoming more ambitious? Hasn't it simply discovered a smart way of enlarging a production budget that, in better times, would have been met by an adequate Arts Council grant?

And why not? The Governditionality", meaning that the lottery may only pay for enterprises that cannot be funded from the public purse, is looking shakier and shakier, not least in the arts. Money originally confined to capital projects is beginning to be used not merely for revenue purposes, but to replace grants and subsidies we had expected to come from the Arts Council and RABs. Recent remarks by Chris Smith, our culture supremo, suggest that this process will continue.

The problem for the Government, though, is that it must pretend it is not breaching its "additionality" code. For the Arts Council, that is likely to mean endless, enervating wrangling as it seeks to reconcile official rules with theatres' needs.

there is little in the Lottery Bill now before Parliament that convinces me it will bring peace or, for that matter, prosperity to our playhouses. On the contrary, there will be widespread confusion, fudge, semantic fiddling, compromise, frustration and expense as artistic directors squander their working days seeking lottery grants and, as with the Royal Court, trying to persuade increasingly hard-pressed businesses, foundations and philanthropists to come up with vast amounts of "matching" money. Meanwhile, theatres will dwindle

Maybe the way ahead is honestly to admit that the "additionality" principle is dy-ing or dead. Maybe it is to hand a large part of theatre funding directly to the lottery. Suppose the Arts Council budget subsidised production and performance, and the lottery paid for the cost of running and maintaining buildings? With the money thus freed, Hall might keep his seasons going, the King's Head and Gate might not be forced to the floor, and there might even be money for Chichester, which now receives no subsidy at all. That fine edifice, the British theatre, might actually flourish and expand.

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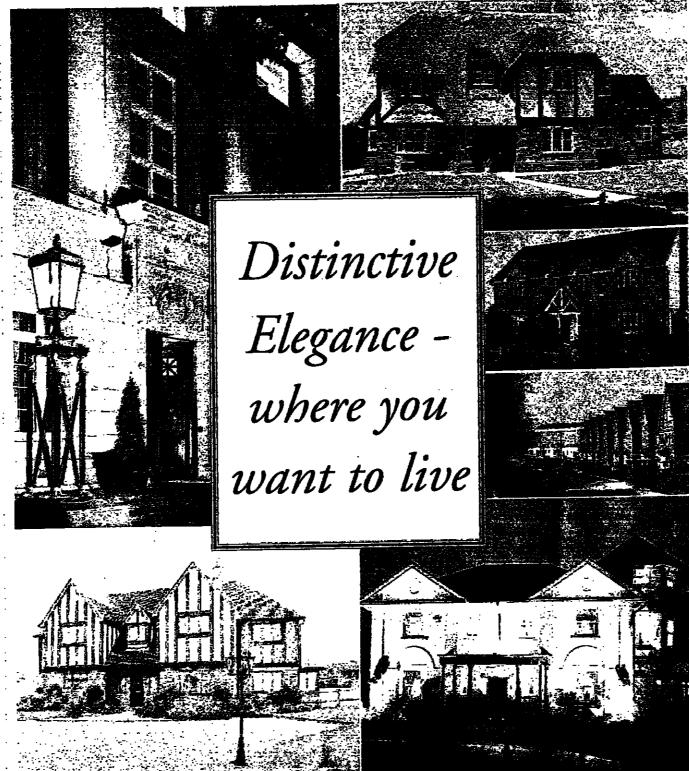
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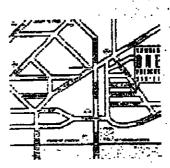
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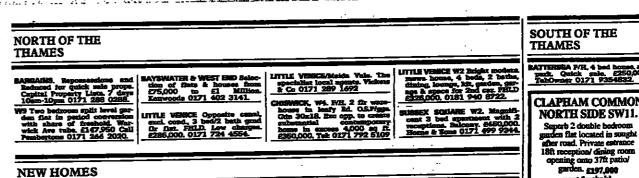
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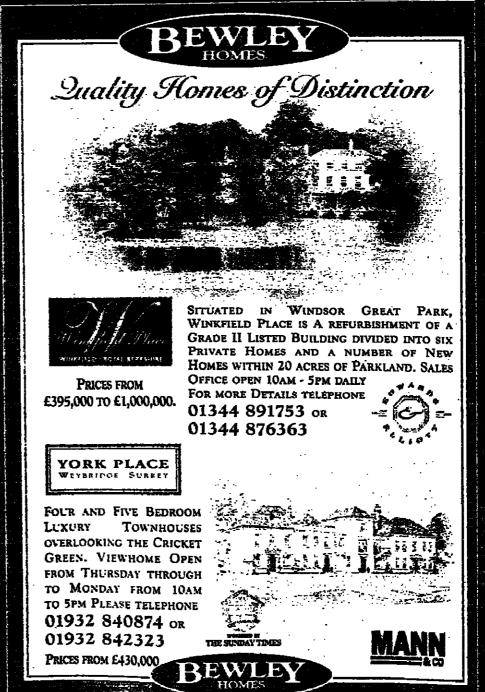
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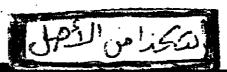




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freehold, or extend their leases. Since then, many tenants with shorter leases have bought their freeholds or tried to extend them to make their property more saleable, says Peter Rollings, of Foxtons in South Kensington, an area with many leasehold properties on the

Cadogan and Grosvenor Estates. Others buy to gain control of the management of their properties and to avoid high service charges. But the present sys-

tem is vague, complex and time-consuming, with cases lasting anything from six to more than 18 months, says Peter Haler, chief executive of The Leasehold Service Advisory (LEASE).

"Residents cannot be sure how much they will

end up paying because they have to meet the cost of valuing their landlords' lease as well as their own. And how much the process will cost is often the first question many would-be freeholders ask," Mr Haler says.

Many tenants are in danger of being held to ransom by landlords charging inflated prices for the freehold, according to a recent report by Tim Curran, director of Leasehold Enfranchisement Ltd, chartered surveyors specialising in the valuation of freeholds.

Its report, The Cost of Buying Your Freehold or Extending Your Lease, shows that some landlords have valued their freeholds at well over double the valuations commissioned by their tenants.

Mr Curran says: "More people now want to acquire their freeholds, and many cases do proceed smoothly. But some landlords are very good at fighting their own corner, demanding high prices and forcing up the total costs by being as difficult as possible, and these are the cases one hears about."

If the two parties cannot agree a price the case can be heard by the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal (LVT). Mr Curran's report, which compares the valuations of landlords, tenants and the LVT in 166 cases, shows that the tribunal's estimates tend to be closer to those of the tenants, and substantially

lower than the landlord's. "Freeholds cost less than people think," Mr Curran says. Lease-holders in London with leases exceeding 80 years pay an average of £1,470 per flat for the freehold. and £1.322 outside the capital.

But tenants find it takes much work to discover if they even qualify for enfran-Residents chisement, particularly when large numbers of tenants are involved. Landlords often try to negotiate with tenants, rather than going through the whole LVT how much process, says David Marcus of City solici-tors Franks Charlesly who act for many tenants, because the system is so convoluted. up paying' Lessees must pass a

residence test, hold a long lease (that is, the original lease must have been for more than 21 years), and two thirds of the tenants must want to enfranchise. No more than 10 per cent of the property may have a commercial use. Mr Haler says tenants must then pay for their own valuation of the freehold, and that of their landlord.

"In a standard block of six to 20 flats, each leaseholder will pay about £1,000 in initial professional fees. If a landlord is unhappy with the LVT's decision, he can take the case to the Lands Tribunal, which is a court of first appeal. The tenants are liable for his costs if they lose. This is a big threat," Mr Haler says.

The experts would welcome several reforms and a system that is simpler for the lay person to understand. Mr Haler would like the right of appeal to the Lands



Early in 1995, Henry Warwick approached his landlord with an informal offer for his freehold - he and the tenants of the converted house are still waiting for a decision

automatic, a move also favoured by Mr Curran, who says that it is unfair that landlords can appeal simply because they do not like the

"Landlords should have to gain leave to appeal." Mr Curran says. "It would also be sensible in relatively low-value cases for the LVT procedure to be dealt with by written representations, as in planning appeals, which would save both time and money."

Mr Rollings suggests that the system should be less involved with the law, and use an independent team of valuers, instead of each side submitting a valuation. Landlords obviously want a high esti-

Joan South, of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association, says: "If a landlord drags his feet, the process can take two or even three years.

"It is too much of a drain on tenants, whose financial circumstances can change, or people can move away or marry and so on. I would like to see the tribunal process scrapped, and the introduction of a formulaic approach for valuation, such as ten times the ground rent."

● LEASE, 0171-493 3116; Leasehold Enfranchisement Association, 0171-937 OBOS The Cost of Buying Your Freehold or Extending Your Lease costs £25— contact Leasehold Enfranchisement Ltd ☐ LEASEHOLDERS can be a determined bunch. Unhappy with service charge disputes, Henry Warwick and fellow tenants approached their landlord

with an informal offer for the freehold of their four flats in a turn-of-the-century house conversion in Croydon, with 89-year leases, in February 1995. This was refused. Almost three years and a

Leasehold Valuation Tribunal (LVI) decision later, the tenants are waiting for the landlord's appeal to the Lands Tribunal next month. Its decision

will be announced in June. The landlord's original valuation was £15,000 - more than four around £5,000. times that of the tenants. Both sides have adjusted their valuations. The landlord reduced his.

to gain a settlement after the LVT. Mr Warwick, 38, a business consultant, says: "Our valuation was within 10 per cent of the LVT's settled total price of £4,030 in March this year. The landlord is going for more than twice this at the appeal. We will be liable for costs if the price is increased by even a nominal

while the tenants offered more

amount at the Lands Tribunal. Both sides will have costs of

"When we started out, the landlord offered us a grossly inflated estimate of what our likely administration costs would be. It has not been easy. The procedure is very complicated and not a casual affair. But the four of us support each other and get on well. It is like a full-time job, but we have already had one positive decision from the LVT. and we are very determined. We have invested too much time in this to give up now."

LONDON RENTALS

#### Registry seeks to restore practice of declaring previous payments

L I price paid for a house the previous time it was sold, Amanda Loose writes. The Land Registry is hoping to restore the price paid for a property to the details on its register of properties. The move, welcomed by estate agents and surveyors, would bring England and Wales into line with Scotland, much of Europe and North America.

The Land Registry has received about 60 submissions from the Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). which will be presented to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Laire.

From its establishment in 1898 until 1976, the Land Registry recorded the price paid or stated for a piece of land whenever it changed hands. This provided a useful guide for valuers and

# Land price to go on record

potential buyers trying to gauge a fair price for a property. But in the rising property market of 1975, the Law Society claimed that if a buyer found out how much the seller stood to make on a deal, he would try to renegotiate the price. The Lord Chancellor was convinced and the price paid was no longer shown. A 1993 consultation paper by the registry showed support for reintroducing the listing.

The Land Registry says that including information on price paid would comply with the principles of open government, and make its register as comprehensive as possible. It argues that the price of land sold at auction is made public, and that including values on its register would assist organisations interested in price move-ments. Bodies concerned with the proceeds of a particular sale, such as trustees in bankruptcy and liquidators,

would benefit. The proposal is supported by Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy of the National Association of Estate Agents. "It would," he says, "provide a valuable database for professionals and assist with accuracy in valuation and assessment." Antony Cane at Strutt & Parker also likes the idea. "Valuers would be able to

discover the comparable

prices and be sure that they

Richard Honey of the RICS believes that including price paid would mean swifter transactions. But the figure should be as accurate as possible. He says: "When land or property changes hands, the price stated is not always its real value because side-deals are involved, such as for large mansions. There should be a mechanism for dealing with more complicated sales, so that the entry says something like 'price paid and other con-siderations."

Opponents of the change say that side-deals could make the entry misleading, and that fraudsters could report artificially high prices to boost resale profits. Some fear that previous prices cause confusion if they are affected by issues such as a property's dilapidated condition, which may be no longer

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#### Oiling the property market The Arabs are coming. As Far Eastern investment in British prop-Diana Wildman on

L erty starts to dwindle thanks to turmoil on their stock exchanges, developers and agents are experiencing renewed interest from expatriates and Arab nationals living in the Middle East. Expatriates are concerned that they

may be left off the property bandwagon. as house prices continue to rise sharply in the UK. especially in London. Forecasts from the Halifax and Savills suggest that there will be 5 per cent house price inflation next year in the mainstream market. Arabs are keen to buy a home in

Tus year has seen shows in Dubai and Bahrain, and next year there are shows plamed by the firm Worldwide Property and Investment Shows in Kuwait and

Utlike those from the Far East, who buy great swaths of London's new

the expatriates and Arabs who want to buy UK properties

developments for investment purposes only, the Middle Eastern market consists of those seeking a home for themselves.

Jonathan Haward, of County

Homesearch, who has visited Dubai and Bahrain three times this year, says: "Over the past three years the volume of business emanating from the Middle East, and in particular from expatriates in Dubai, has increased enormously. People are looking to spend anything from £70,000 to around £1 million.

approached, the number of Hong Kongbased expatriates wishing to invest in the UK property market would start to dwindle. This, coupled with economic uncertainty in the Pacific Rim generally, has done little to bolster Far Eastern

funds in the UK property market."

Stephen Moseley is a director of Moriconium Quay, a development of marina flats in Poole, Dorset, and he, too, attended the exhibition at Dubai's Chamber of Commerce earlier this month.

There is little doubt that these developers and agents have to work harder to woo the Middle Eastern buyer than they did in Hong Kong. Virtually all inquiries are for individual units, not mass purchases. Many people require information on mortgages, rental yields and financial and legal services as well as furnishing packages. It may take two or three visits plus numerous phone calls and faxes before a sale is concluded.



The Hollis family: bought a property with paddock

#### "It was predictable that as June 30, 1997, A shelter from the heat of the Gulf

EXPATRIATES Matthew and Anna Hollis moved to Abu Dhabi five years ago with their baby son. They have since had two daughters. Last February they bought a slice of a converted farm building in Alresford, Hampshire. They paid £180,000 for the four-bedroom property

with a paddock. Mrs Hollis says: "This house will suit us for the next five years we plan to stay in Abu Dhabí. It is close to my parents and sister, who will keep an eye on it, and it is bours. The intense heat in the Gulf means I bring the children back to England for three months in the summer and it is much easier with a big family to have our own base. We will sell it when we move back, hopefully obtaining some capital gain, and buy a more substantial home.

TENNIS: NEW GENERATION LOOKS TO THE STARS

# British game set to benefit from rivals

t has only taken 20 years of hard work, but tennis has finally become an overnight success. The sport has hardly made frontpage news since 1977, when Virgina Wade won Wimbledon, but these days the story of the rise and rise of Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman has forced its way into the same spotlight as Glenn Hoddle's road to France and Manchester United's European dream.

The effect has been spectacular. Five years ago, few would have imagined that a British player would have won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Award, never mind beaten another into second place, but there was Rusedski, clutching his trophy and sharing a joke with the runner-up, Henman. The award came as a direct result of Rusedski not winning the US Open: who knows what will happen should one of them actually win a grand slam title.

They are line ambassadors for the sport. Both are young, clean-cut, happy to sign an autograph, and say the right few words at the right time. Those in the business of spreading the word and encouraging youngsters to take up the game could not ask for more. Up at the sharp end. where the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is trying to get more schoolchildren on court playing the game,

Alix Ramsay examines the effect of the rise and

rise of Tim Henman

and Greg Rusedski

These days everyone knows who the top two players are and wants to be like them.

The knock-on effect has pushed more people through the turnstiles at tournaments. When Rusedski returned from the US Open, his first match at the Samsung Open in Bournemouth was sold out; even the national championships in Telford - not known as one of the most riveting events on the calendar — has had a healthy upturn in ticket sales over the last couple of years as Henman and Rusedski have battled for the honours.

At such events, their followers split neatly into two distinct groups. with the girls attracted to Henman and the boys admiring Rusedski because of his thundering service and nervous energy. To the young and the enthusiastic, Tim is cute and

Greg is cool. It is ironic that after years of trying to change the public perception of tennis, and move it away from the elinist, middle-class, moneyed image, the LTA now finds itself

where the young hopefuls are serious about their tennis, the neat image does not wash. Many of the young players, who come from a broad range of social and cultural backgrounds, have met Henman and Rusedski on several occasions and while they warm to Rusedski's friendly manner, they are not prepared to follow either slavishly. They admire Rusedski's serve but realise that Henman is mentally tough; technically, they aim to copy the Rusedski thunderbolt and the Henman ground strokes. According to Ronnie Maxwell head coach at the Westway Club, the

Oxfordshire.

problem?

reinforce.

two men are a source of inspiration to his students. Additionally, he said, "meeting Tim and Greg gives them the added drive to work harder" Tim is not quite so good at the PR

side as Greg. Greg is more outgoing and the kids like that. But Greg is also higher in the rankings, and the children are clever enough to notice

"Despite their different backgrounds, the kids here still recognise Tim and Greg as role models. They respect them and appreciate what they have done but they still see Sampras and Hingis as the elite." In tennis, it seems, you have got to be good to be liked but you have got win something big to be adored.



Wright shows the menacing form that made her top scorer in the under-21 territorial tournament

# Wright's goals help Midlands to power to their sixth title

SALLY WRIGHT maintained her sequence of scoring in every match when she converted a penalty stroke in the second minute to help the Midlands to secure a 100 per cent record when they beat the West 2-0 to win the women's under-21 regional tournament at Milton Keynes yesterday.

Their sixth triumph since the competition started in 1985-86, is one fewer than the East, the only other team to have captured the title. Missing Lucilla Wright, Kerry Moore and Rachel Walker, who are all resting, the Midlands' superior strength in depth proved decisive.

Sally Wright's powerful striking at penalty corners helped the England Under-21 defender to collect five goals in the tournament

By Cathy Harris

and finish as the leading marksman. Other territories, complying with the ruling that no player on lottery funding or involved in senior squad training was allowed to play, were also forced to field akened teams. However, the England coach, Maggie Souyave, does not believe the event was devalued.

Souyave said: "I wanted to look at as many players as possible at another level and it gives some who would never have had the opportunity to prove themselves. Realistically, there will probably only be a handful but there may be a few on the fringe of international hockey who have staked a claim." Needing only to draw against

the North, Wright gave her side the perfect launching pad when she was on target from the penalty spot after her own stinging drive from a penalty corner was illegally stopped on the line. Louisa Turney, a Birmingham University student and one of four Under-21 internationals in the Midlands squad, added a second 15 minutes later to put her team in charge. The East clinched second place

after Lizzie Aldous and Tanya Barnard scored in a 2-1 win against the North, and Barnard hit the only goal of the match against the South. Despite losing every match. the South can take heart from the fact that their under-16 team are national champions.

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Midlands 12pts; 2, East 7; 3, North 6; 4, West 4; 5, South 0.

**ATHLETICS** 

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#### Kipketer pulls out with visa problem

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE withdrawals of Wilson Boit Kipketer, the 3,000 metres steeplechase champion. and Iwan Thomas, the British 400 metres record-holder, kept organisers of the Co Durham international cross country races busy trying to fill the

Boit Kipketer and his management team failed to renew his visa for entry to Britain. forcing him to pull out of Saturday's main race. Then Thomas scratched from the invitation 3.7km race, adding to the organisers' problems.

Thomas had agreed to run after a spur-of-the-moment social bet with the miler. Tony Whiteman. "I did it a little bit as a dare at the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards," Thomas said before having to pull out vesterday because of injury.

He added: Tony said he would lap me and I fell for the bait, telling him there was no way he could. I can tell you my coach isn't too pleased about

He has been saved a journey into unknown depths of stamina - and the long trip from his Southampton base to the North East - because he turned an ankle in training

yesterday morning. Nigel Gough, the race director, was annoyed after discovering Boit Kipketer would not be running — and the reason why — but he was more understanding about Thomas. Bearing in mind that he has far greater priorities next summer at the European championships and Commonwealth Games, I know he has made the right decision," Gough

The organisers, though, were amazed to learn Boit Kipketer does not have a valid visa. Knowing that the Kenyan ran in Madrid the weekend before Christmas and has another competition planned in Spain tonight. Gough assumed there would be no immigration problems.

However, yesterday Boit Kipketer's manager sent a fax message saying the athlete. despite being constantly reminded to do so, had failed to renew his visa.

**Court of Appeal** 

#### Law Report December 31 1997

and Others

(Judgment December 3)

#### **Court of Appeal**

## Transaction attracts stamp duty

Parinv (Hatfield) Ltd v In-land Revenue chaser agreed to purchase the equitable interest in land at Bish-Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Roch, Lord Justice Millett and Sir John [Judgment December 4]

Transactions executed outside the United Kingdom for the sale of commercial property that consisted of a declaration of trust by the vendor in favour of the purof the level estate in the property in the United Kingdom, did not avoid

payment of stamp duty.
It was payable on the transfer and was to be assessed by reference to the purchase price recited the declaration of trust as having been paid to the vendor. The evidence as to the price was not inadmissible merely because it was contained in an instrument

that had remained unstamped. The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by way of case stated brought by the pur-chaser. Bishops Square Ltd. for-merly Parins (Hatfield) Ltd. from the decision of Mr Justice Lindsay un May 23, 1996, ([1996] STC 933] upholding a determination by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and assessing the duty chargeable

on the transfer at £372,230. Mr Patrick Soares for the pur-chaser. Mr Michael Furness for

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said duty to do so. In so doing they were

Company inspectors' side letter admissible

Secretary of State for Trade zier Miller. Only Mr James apand Industry v Anderson and Before Mr Justice Cresswell [Judgment November 28]

Company directors in disqualification proceedings could not obtain an order for inspection under Order 24, rule 13 of the Rules of the Surreme Court of notes, drafts and internal memos written by inspectors of a company appointed under Part XIV of the Companies Act 1985 while they were preparing their report. However, the court would order inspection of a side letter written on the same day as the report in which the inspectors expressed a view that conduct of a director did not merit

disqualification. Mr Justice Cresswell, sitting as an additional judge of the Chan-cery Division, so held on motions in disqualification proceedings due to start in May 1996 issued by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry against former directors of Astra Holdings plc. The four directors against whom proceedings were being continued were: John Anderson, Christopher Wil-ham Gumbley, Gerald Reaveley James and James Robertson Cro-

Square. Harfield, for £37,223,000. Completion of the purchase took

Rusedski and Henman celebrate their Davis Cup triumph in Kiev

place on June 30, 1994 by two documents: first a declaration of trust executed by the vendor in favour of the purchaser which recited that the purchase price had been paid to him, and second, the transfer of the property to the purchaser. The contract for sale and the

declaration of trust were executed and retained outside the United Kingdom. The transfer was delivered to the Revenue for adjudication together with photocopies of the declaration of trust and contract of sale. The only relevant fact which could not be ascertained from the recitals to the transfer eration payable for the sale. The fer was stampable at 500. The

Revenue assessed duty at £372,230. Section 1 of the 1891 Act provided for stamp duty to be charged on instruments of "conveyance or transfer on safe". Sections 54 and 59(1) defined such instruments as including contracts for the sale of

Once the commissioners were satisfied that they had the informa tion necessary to enable them to usess the duty (see sections 5 and

peared on the present application.

Mr Roger Kaye, QC and Mr

Mark Cunningham for the sec-retary of state. Mr Richard Shel-

don, QC and Ms Felicity Toube for

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL

said that on August 16, 1990 Mr Colin Rimer. QC and Mr John

White, FCA, were appointed inspectors of Astra Holdings ple under Part XIV of the 1985 Act.

Their report was published on

The contents of their report, both

as to fact and as to the opinion of

the inspectors, was admissible in the present proceedings by virtue

The secretary of state sought a

direction that the inspectors own

and memos should not be pro-

duced for inspection pursuant to

Order 24, rule 13 of the Rules of the

Supreme Court. His Lordship

ruled that those documents were

erable. A similar conclusion was

reflected in an order by Mr Justice Jacob in In re Atlantic Computers

pic junseported. February 25.

neither admissible nor discov-

of section 441 of the 1985 Act.

not limited to the information set dence which was admissible in a court of law.

The contract for sale, declaration of trust and the transfer were all instruments relating to property situated in the United Kingdom and acordingly could not be given in evidence or be made available for any purpose unless duly stamped: see section 14(4). However, the instruments were not nullities. Although unwise to do so. a person could accept an un-stamped instrument if he wished.

The court was in a different position. It could not receive ar unstamped document in evidence. But that did not preclude the court from resolving disputes of fact without reference to the inadmissible evidence.

The Revenue had assessed the transfer to duty as a "conveyance on sale". It was plainly right to do so. A transfer to a purchaser of the legal estate in property contracted to be sold was a conveyance on sale notwithstanding that the beneficial interest in the property had already passed to the transferee under a preceding contract for sale under a preceding contract for sale and the whole of the purchase consideration had been paid be-

fore the transfer. The Revenue was able to ascertain from the recitals to the transfer all the necessary information except the consideration for the sale. It could ascertain that

from the copies of the contract and

The secretary of state also sought an order that a side letter

from the secretary to the inspectors

to the deputy inspector of com-

panies of the same date as the

report, in which the inspectors

expressed their views on dis-

qualification, should not be pro-

duced for inspection pursuant to

Was it just or equitable that a

respondent to an application for a disqualification order under sec-tion 8 of the 1985 Act should be

expected to conduct his defence in

proceedings where the inspectors'

report was admissible under sec-

tion 441, without being told that.

for reasons set out in a side letter to

the report, the inspectors ex-

pressed the view that conduct on

the part of the respondent director

considered in the report was not

such as to justify the conclusion

that the director was unfit to be

concerned in the management of a

Disqualification proceedings

were brought for the protection of

the public. The proceedings had in

many respects much more in

common with criminal proceed-

In his Lordship's opinion, the

ings than with civil litigation.

Order 24, rule 13.

that it was supplied in the form of copies of unstamped instruments did not prevent it from taking cognisance of it. And on appeal the court was also entitled to look at the documents since they formed part of the stated case.

the declaration of trust. The fact

The purchaser was misconceived in arguing that section 14 of the Act prevented the Revenue and the court from looking at the copies because they constituted econdary evidence of unstamped documents and that without those documents there was no admisible evidence of the amount of the

An alternative argument raised by the purchaser was that if the documents could be received they showed that it was the declaration of trust which was the instrument which constituted the conveyance on sale and that as the property could not be conveyed twice over, the transfer was not a conveyance

The purchaser's primary argument was based on the untenable proposition that the Revenue was bound to disregard information that the purchaser was bound to. and did supply.

Its alternative argument had

been knocked on the head almost 40 years ago in Oughtred v IRC (11960) AC 206). Lord Justice Roch and Sir John

Balcombe agreed. Solicitors: Gouldens; Solicitor of

necessary to the fair conduct of the

proceedings against certain of the

respondent directors, including

plainly discoverable under Order

Production was necessary for

disposing fairly of the cause or

matter and for savings costs.

Certain matters set out in the letter

might provide to certain respon-

dents a guide as to how they might conduct their defence and thereby

Mr James was in receipt of legal

aid and other respondents were in

person. It would be for the trial

judge to decide what use, if any, could be made at trial of the

contents of the side letter and

nothing in this rolling was in-

tended to tie the hands of the trial

His Lordship confined himself

to saying that the disclosure of the

letter was necessary to ensure a fair prosecution and that it was

discoverable and should be pro-

duced for inspection under Order

24, rule 13 of the Rules of the

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor, Ir-

Supreme Court.

Mr James. Further, the letter w

24 as relevant.

Mr Edward Davidson, QC and Mr Stephen Hancox for the second and third defendants; the first defendant in person; Mr Nicholas Yell for the second plaintiff.

that in 1993 the first and second defendants approached the second intiff, who had capital availin Newbury, the first defendant to be manager, the second defendant to be the chef and the first plaintiff. who was not a partner but an employee, to be the second chef.

enced in the restaurant trade and proprietor of another restaurant, was brought into the project, and he obtained the lease of premises owned by British Gas. At the end of October the second

opened a joint bank account, describing themselves as "pariners in a business called The Nawab" to be set up on December 1, 1993. Building works to convert the premises were to be paid from that account. All moneys paid into the account were provided by the second plaintiff, save for a few payments by the first plaintiff, his

Agreement is not a partnership other works or services to establish

Before Lord Justice Roch, Lord Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice

An agreement to set up a business and to carry it on as a partnership was not proof that there was a partnership, any more than statements by the parties to such an agreement that they were partners would on their own establish a partnership. Whether a business The freehold was acquired by was being carried on in common was a question to be determined by looking at all the relevant The Court of Appeal so held

(Lord Justice Buxton dissenting) in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the defendants, Lucky Miah, Abdul Ahad, Khasru Miah and Abdul Kashim against the order of Judge Rich. QC, on July 25, 1996, on the trial of a preliminary issue in Central London ity Court, granting a declaration that a partnership existed between the second plaintiff, Muhit Khan, and the defendants to own a restaurant known as The Nawah. 18 Cheap Street, Newbury, Berkshire, and that the second plaintiff was entitled to a 50 per cent share of the capital and profits thereof, and that the partnership was dissolved on January 25, 1994.

Khan and Another v Miah

Section I of the Partnership Act 1890 provides: "(I) Partnership is the relation which subsists between persons carrying on a business in common with a view to

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said

Another

The third defendant, experiplaintiff and the third defendant

brother. All payments out were to a byway open to all traffic. The local authority had resolved the building contractors or for

Having approached a bank in December to borrow money to buy the freehold of the premises, the bank manager was informed they were partners and that they had spent between them some £51,000 on the project. The bank undertook to lend the second plaintiff and the first and third defendants up to £60,000, the intention being to open the restaurant on December 13.

the third defendant at auction soon after, it being agreed that the second plaintiff and the third defendant would each subscribe half the 20 per cent of the purchase price not covered by the bank loan. Prior to the restaurant's opening February 14, 1994, furnit and equipment was purchased, the turant was advertised in the

local press, and a contract entered Although the second plaintiff had difficulty in finding his half of the 20 per cent, completion of the sale took place on January 21. Because of the difficulties, including some involving the building works, the plaintiffs and defen-

dants fell out. The judge had found that the elationship between the second plaintiff and the defendants was terminated by the former's solic-nors' letter of January 25. He did not doubt that a business existed between two or more persons by December 1, 1993, and concluded from the evidence that there was a partnership, although it was diffi-cult to identify the parties' interests

and liability in such partnership. Mr Davidson contended that the business in the present case could not have been carried on until the parties had commenced to trade as restauraieurs. He relied, inter alia, on Lindley

on Partnership (10th edition (1935) pl6). Lindley & Banks on Partnership (17th edition (1995) pl3), Dickinson v Valpy ((1829) 10 B & C analogy: Cannop Coal Co Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners ((1919) 12 TC 31), Birmingham & District Cattle By-Products Co Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners ((1919) 12 TC 92). Kirk and Randall Ltd v Dunn ((1924) 8 TC 663) and Inland Revenue Commissioners Williamson ((1928) 14 TC 335).

His Lordship said that the court's task was to identify the business that it was intended or had been agreed that the partner-ship should conduct and thendecide whether that business was being carried on by the alleged partners at the material time. It was the carrying on of that business and not the necessary

preparation for it that had to be established. The moment of commencement of the carrying on of the partnership business was probably easier to decide than the moment when the parties started The error which the judge made was to conclude from the purposes for which the second plaintiff subscribed money, from the representations made to the bank manager, and the joint liability of the second plaintiff and the third defendant arising from such mat-ters as the laundry contract and contributions towards equipment expenditure that they were partand the state of the state of

ners, and that therefore a partner-On the evidence, in his Lordship's view, the point had not been reached by January 25, 1994, when it could be said that the restaurant business was being carried on by the parties at the premises.

At that time there was nothing for the first defendant to manage and there was no role for the second defendant or for the first plaintiff to fulfil as chefs. What had happened prior to that date, and certainly all that bappened prior to December 1, 1993, was preparatory to setting up of a restaurant

LORD JUSTICE THORPE. agreeing, said that Mr Davidson demonstrated convincingly that the law had always drawn a clear distinction between partnerships which fell within section I(I) of the 1890 Act, and contemplated partnerships which did not.

The passage in the 10th edition of Lindley on Partnership remained good law and was admirably clear.

Lord Justice Boxton delivered a dissenting judgment. Solicitors: Saf Awan, Luton;

#### Decision can be reviewed despite appeal provision

Regina v Wiltshire County Council, Ex parte Lazard Brothers and Co Ltd and

Before Mr Justice Dyson Judgment November 24i

Where a local authority had re-solved to make but had not yet made an order under section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as to the status of a route, that resolution could be judicially reviewed, although paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act excluded such a remedy when an. order had been made.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the ing the application of Lazard Brothers and Co Ltd and Paul Pelham for certiorari to quash Wiltshire County Council's resolu-tion of September 18, 1996 to make an order under section 53(2) of the 1981 Act designating a route in the village of Manningford Bohune as

to make the order but the applicants, who owned a farm at Manningford Bohune, obtained an injunction to stop them from doing so.

Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the 1981 Act provides: "[1] If any person is aggrieved by an order which has taken effect and desires to question its validity on the ground that it is not within the powers of section 53 or 54 ... he nay . . . make an application to the High Court under this paragraph. (2) On any such application the High Court may ... quash the

"(3) Except as provided by this paragraph, the validity of an order shall not be questioned any legal proceedings whatsoever. Mr George Laurence, QC and Miss Ross Crail for the applicants; Mr Richard Gordon, QC, for the

local authority. MR JUSTICE DYSON said that the court did have jurisdiction to entertain the application in the instant case. Prima facie, a sarty was entitled to have recourse o the COUTTS. The existence of a stautory

remedy of public inquiry ly an inspector and statutory appeal thereafter was relevant u the question of whether relief sould be refused. It did not to to jurisdiction. Mr Gordon's argumen in-

volved the proposition that, where a council was threatening tccommit a plain error of law, as was the position in this case, an aggicved party could not seek the intrvention of the court.

instead he or she was obliged to embark on the often time cossuming and costly procedure of a public inquiry, in which obectors could make representation, possibly involving detailed actual investigations, with the risk that the inspector might repeat the local

authority's error of law. Solicitors: MacFarlanes Mr Michael Holder, Trombridge

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team for the new FA Cup league

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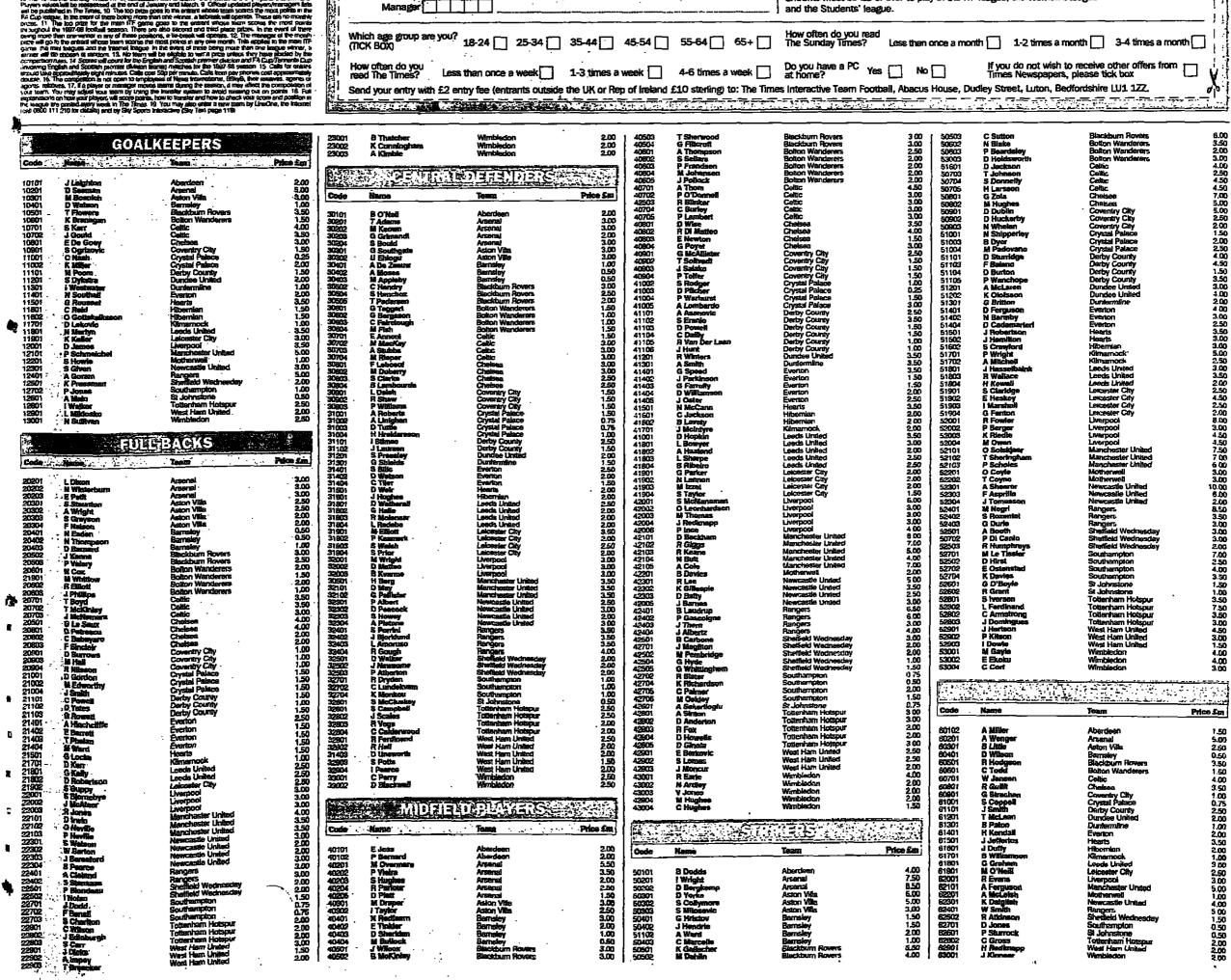
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# Kallis leads rearguard action

TAKING heart from a maiden Test century from Jacques Kallis, South Africa held Australia to a draw in Melbourne yesterday, ending the final day at 273 for seven, 108 short of what was always an unlikely

victory target.
Kallis, 22, who was playing in only his seventh Test match, occupied the crease for six hours while scoring 101. He rated his century as easily the highlight of a career that was interrupted in October when he was forced to fly home from the tour of Pakistan after undergoing an operation for

It is a fantastic feeling to score a century for my country, especially to help save a Test match against Australia at the MCG," Kallis, who faced 279 balls and hit six boundaries, said. He added that his experience in the county championship with Middlesex last season had helped improve his technique.

It was very satisfying for me to prove it is now good enough for me to bat for the equivalent of a whole day in a Test match," Kallis, who was averaging 16.62 at the start of his innings, said.

South Africa, resuming at 79 for one, soon found themselves 88 for three as Warne sent back Bacher for 39, with the aid of yet another brilliant slip catch by Mark Taylor, and bowled Cullinan before he had scored. After such a start, it seemed likely that Warne would bow! his side to victory, with time to spare, on a wearing pitch.

Kallis and Hansie Cronje, his captain, had other ideas, however, adding 123 before Cronje was caught at slip off Steve Waugh. It look a superb delivery from Paul Reiffel to account for Kallis, the ball nipping back to clip the off

Although there were some nervous moments for South Africa in the final hour, Shaun Pollock and Lamce Klusener held firm. Warne, who was responsible for 35 of the 92 overs bowled on the final day. finished with three for 97.

Kallis, who was hit in the ribs by a ball from Glenn McGrath just before tea. was particularly proud of the way that he had played the leg spinner. "He certainly bowled very well and he was un-



Taylor, the Australia captain, snatches a brilliant slip catch to send back Bacher off the bowling of Warne

lucky," Kallis said. "On other days, he might have taken more wickets. The ball was turning and he is one of the best bowlers in the world, but the whole side decided to be

Taylor, the Australia captain, believed that his side had dominated the opening encounter of the three-match series. "We kept our noses in front for the first four days and there was only one team with any hope of winning the match on the final day," he said. He acknowledged that South Africa's confidence would-have been lifted by avoiding defeat, a view shared

by Cronje. This will certainly boost

"Our attitude from the first ball of the innings was to play naturally, rather than just try to play safe." Paying tribute to Kallis, for whom he forecast a long career at Test level,

our morale," Cronje said. Cronje said: "I don't think too much bothers him. He's very much like Ernie Els when he gets going, just very keen on doing a job and doing it

Michael Bevan, dropped SCOREBOARD FROM MELBOURNE

> BOWLING: McGrath 28-11-57-1; Reiffel BOWLING: McGrain 26-11-37-1; Pearlie 18-8-24-2; Kasprowicz 14-14-50; Warne 44-11-97-3; M. E. Weugh 10-0-25-0; S. R. Waugh 7-2-12-1; Blewett 1-0-4-0. Man of the match: J. H. Kallia. Umpress S. A. Buchor (West Indies) and S. G. Randell (Australia).

ner Pat Symcox.

from the Australia team for the second time during last summer's tour of England, when he was unable to handle the short-pitched ball, has been recalled to the squad for the second Test, which starts at Sydney on Friday. He replaces Andrew Bichel, who was the twelfth man at Sydney.

Bevan, a middle-order batsman and left-arm wrist spinner, is likely to be included in the final XI at Sydney if the pitch seems likely to help the spinners, as it usually does on this ground. For the same reason, South Africa have put Paul Adams, their unorthodox left-armer, on standby to part-

# Edwards offers hope of brighter future got through it and it became easier towards the end." The final stages of En-gland's unsuccessful title de-

he World Cup has been lost to Australia and nobody can deny their superiority. England returned home yesterday, weary and downcast, after three weeks zig-zagging the length and breadth of the Indian sub-continent. It is not, however, all doom and gloom: the deposed champions have a jewel of a talent precious enough to offer the promise of a twinkling future.

Charlotte Edwards celebrated her eighteenth birthday during the tournament. She made her international debut as a 16-year-old and whispers that an exceptional talent had been found were confirmed last summer. India is the most demanding of tours, a place where chaotic travel wears down the spirit and disturbing sights hurt the eyes, yet Edwards adjusted to it all, confirming her

The disappointment of los-ing a semi-final to New aland in Madras on Boxing Day prompted more than half the squad to return home early, even though England were expected to travel to Calcutta with all the other teams to watch the final on Monday. There is no suggestion of conflict in the camp, but, for a sport anxious to accentuate the positive, it sent out a negative

That Edwards chose to remain is indicative of her enthusiasm, as much as her resilience. The showpiece tournament has attracted some adverse publicity because of the limited talent of the lesser teams, but that has not devalued the experience for Edwards.

"I just wanted to be there when the teams walked out at Eden Gardens," she said. "I'm pretty upset because I know it could so easily have been us."

the poverty, over-population and disease that any visitor to India is necessarily exposed to. No amount of preparation can soften the impact of this cultural shock. "It's the thing that's struck me the most," she said. "It hit



The England itinerary meant that the party trav-elled to more places than they would have liked. Looking back on it all, I'm not sure how we fitted it in." Edwards said. "We've had three seven-hour coach trips, lots of flights and an all-night train journey. After the early games, we had to travel through the night straight after a match and it's difficult to get any sleep. Only having one day's rest

She was upset, too, to see

me very hard early on. A lot of the girls tried to protect



sad, I wasn't expecting it to be so bad - it's hard to describe just how poor it is in some places we've been to."

between matches is unbelievably tiring, though we



Edwards is reluctant to talk about her successes -

the 173 against Ireland or her unexpected haul of wickets - but she will tell you that her biggest disappointment was getting a duck against Australia. Her parents had phoned and told her to "sock it to the Aussies". England could not and now Australia are world champions. "I just want to have another go at beating them," she said. It is a good thing, then, that it is the old enemy who visit British shores next summer.

fence meant coping with a

Christmas away from home.

Edwards had only just cele-brated her birthday when the

most evocative day was upon her. "When I got up, it didn't really feel like Christmas, she said, "but later on Mum

and Dad phoned and then

my Grandma and aunties

and I think it did hit me. I felt

a bit homesick."
The Boxing Day match

meant that the team celebrat-

ed Christmas a day early. The hotel in Madras had

decorated a tree and the team exchanged gifts. The

hotel did turkey for our meal.

They tried their best and it

was quite nice - it just

Bedwards is a fussy cater and thought she

might fall prey to "Delhi

belly". However, all the Eng-

land players managed to stay fit. "A lot of the South

Africans have been really ill," she said. "We've been

careful and all come through

OK. For me, the food has

been one of the things I've

really enjoyed. I hate curries

and the truth is I haven't

even had to smell one. I've

eaten well. The chips and

nan bread have been lovely." Home cooking has sud-

dealy become a mouthwater-

ing prospect. "Mum is going to cook me a proper Christ-mas dinner when I get back

and I can hardly wait," she

said. "My parents are getting

to the airport at five o'clock,

due to land until six."

y her own admission.

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Beginners are taught to lead high from a doubleton honour, as declarer as well as in defence, to unblock suits and maintain fluidity. While this may be sound advice on the whole, it need not apply when declarer has ample communications between hands. For example, declarer has AQJ543 facing 102 in hand with unlimited entries. Players find it hard to resist leading the ten, the "natural" card, yet it can never gain a trick in the suit and stands to lose a trick if there is singleton king onside. A similar combination cropped up in the England junior trials this year:

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Contract: Stx No-Trumps by South South opened Two Clubs and rebid Three Diamonds over North's Two Diamond response. A Two No-Trump rebid, advertising a balanced hand of near game-forcing strength, was a better reflection of the character of the hand. Three Diamonds drives to game willy-nilly, and risks an eventual Three No-Trumps being played disadvantageously from the weak hand. North bid Three Hearts over Three Diamonds. Show-

ing a suit as poor as 10765 opposite a single-suited Two Club's opener is unhelpful to say the least. Four Diamonds would have been much more constructive.
Then South rebid Three No-

Trumps, North raised to Four No-Trumps (quantitative, invitational to Six No-Trumps. not Blackwood) and South, with no real justification, went on to Six No-Trumps. The contract depends on

playing diamonds for one loser. Declarer won the spade lead in hand, crossed to dummy in clubs and made the natural-looking play of lead-ing the ten of diamonds, which resulted in two losers in the

To take two diamond finesses is the right idea, but better play is to start by leading the six, intending to finesse the nine if East follows small; that gains over leading the ten when East holds the singleton jack or king. You might think that lead-

ing the ten would gain against singleton king with West, but East covers from J853, declarer puts in the queen, catering for singleton three or five with West, and East later scores the eight.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

#### WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SENESCHAL a. A diamond cluster b. An early flush toilet c. A major domo

a. A mythical horse b. A Mozart symphony c. An aircraft engine

SELVYT

a. A duster b. Small freshwater fish c. A table ornament LAGAPOUS a. Detritus h. Footlike

c. Non-alcoholic Answers on page 42



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Adams out

After a marathon eight draws, Michael Adams lost the ninth game to Viswanathan Anand in the Fide championship in Groningen. Anand will play Anatoly Karpov in the final, which starts on January 1.

Hastings tournament Britain's strongest tourna-ment, the Hastings Premier, is

under way at the Cinque Ports Hotel, Hastings. The first round saw wins by grand-masters Plaskett, Hebden and

White: Eloi Relange Black: Matthew Sadler Hastings Premier December 1997

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Diagram of final position



White: Luke McShane Black: Mark Hebden Hastings Premier December 1997

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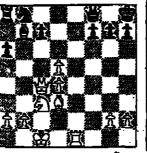
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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Morphy -Mongredien, Paris, 1858. Black is a pawn down, but a more worrying feature of the position from his point of view is his lack of development. How did this now tell against

Solution on page 42



#### Australia set new standard Thrasy Petropoulos says the England

LAST YEAR, Sri Lanka changed the face of men's oneday international cricket. Australia's achievement in winning the women's World Cup during the past three weeks in India has been just as

revolutionary. Australia were stung by an unexpectedly poor World Cup in England in 1993. As Cathryn Fitzpatrick, the fast bowler, said after the final this week, in which Australia defeated New Zealand by five wickets: "All we've been hearing for the past four years is that England are world champions. We saw New Zealand go there and win 3-0: we knew we were a better team, but were never given a

chance to prove it." John Harmer, a former university lecturer in biomechanics, has coached Australia with the World Cup in mind for the past 312 years. In addition to intensive work in fitness and fielding skills, he compiled personal videos for the players.

.Everything about Harmer is deliberate and well-ordered and Australia's cricket reflects it. They are a profes-sional outfit in every regard, other than payment.

England were probably the next best-prepared team here. In addition to coaches and a manager, England brought a sports scientist, a sports psychologist, for part of the trip, and a physiotherapist, whose duties went far beyond the alleviation of players' injured tion, substantial financial

women's cricket team can learn much

from their World Cup passage to India

backing — so, why did England disappoint? The answer is not particularly palatable for the Wom-en's Cricket Association and

English cricket generally. First, England lacked the killer instinct that was so obviously the bedrock of Australia's success. In Vijayawada, England took only three Pakistan wickets in 47 overs; two days later in Hyderabad, Australia dismissed Pakistan for 27 in

less than 14 overs. Second - and, on the evidence of this World Cup, this is a problem shared by all countries except Australia — a

lack of experience at playing

high-pressure cricket has been

painfully obvious, especially when chasing targets. This cost England their semi-final against New Zealand; the highest total chased successfully here was 164, by Australia against New

Zealand. Third, England suffered from a lack of athleticism in the field. It has become clear



Bronwyn Calver, left, and Olivia Magno smile with satisfaction as Australia clinch the women's World Cup

that sides can no longer carry fielders in one-day cricket.

For all that, England are no a bad side. In Charlotte Ed wards, they have a player of true talent and a free spirit although she was visibly overawed against Australia in Nagpur, after which Fitzpatrick came up with one of the quotes of the tour: "From the moment she'd played the first ball three seconds late, she

was out of my mind." Jane Cassar is, arguably, the most valuable player in the side. Her wicketkeeping is immaculate, but she is wasted batting at No 5. Of the bowlers, Clare Taylor is still the most effective and most reliable, but she is 32 and England will be aware that a replacement must be groomed. Of the current stock. only Melissa Reynard looks to have the necessary heart and

consistency. Much has been made of the organisational chaos of this tournament and certainly England's travel requirements have been ludicrous, but two men's World Cups on the subcontinent have been similarly disorderly and such trials and tribulations go with the territory.

The next women's World Cup, in New Zealand in 2000. will be restricted to eight entrants, mercifully preventing the embarrassing slaughter of cricket innocents, such as Pakistan and Denmark. It should be a more balanced tournament and, with the reemergence of South Africa, a more competitive one.

# Shah plays captain's innings

A CENTURY by Owais Shah, the England Under-19 cap-tain, helped his side to what was, in the end, a comfortable draw in the second international here, leaving South Africa with no tangible reward for their long periods of

dominance in this two-match When the captains agreed to call the game off 30 minutes before the scheduled close. Shah was unbeaten with 104, having hit ten fours and a six from 150 balls, and England, who had been forced to follow on, were 274 for three, 59 ahead. Yesterday, the batsmen showed the application so painfully absent in the first innings against bowlers who were very tired at the end of FROM JOHN STERN IN FOCHVILLE

play after spending 2's days in the field.

Shah joined Michael Gough 30 minutes before lunch, after the loss of both opening batsmen in the space of 15 balls, and they complemented each other perfectly. Shah cover drove beautifully, showing a combination of technique and timing that Middlesex members will be able to enjoy for the whole of next summer now

that he has left school. He reached his half-century with a straight drive off a full toss from Rudolph, an impressive l6-year-old leg spinner, and later played the most pleasing shot of the day, an extra-cover drive with the front leg fully bent, off Samso-

Gough, of Durham, tried

nothing as audacious, but moved calmly towards his own half-century as 149 runs were added for the third wicket. Stephen Peters and Robert Key had laid a good foundation with an opening stand of 97, Peters reaching his half-century with one of his favour-

off Mpitsang, but was then bowled trying to pull Bodi. Key, having been content to let his partner play most of the shots, then attempted an injudicious sweep against Bodi and was bowled round his

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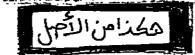
#### **New Zealand** summon in-form Nash

DION NASH, the all-rounder, was rewarded for his strong early-season form with a recall to the New Zealand team for the second half of their limited-overs series in

Australia in January.

Nash, who has been out of the New Zealand team since the New Zealand team since early last year because of a back injury, is one of two changes to the squad from that used in pre-Christmas matches against Australia and South Africa Craig Speamers also Africa Craig Spearman also returns.

NEW ZEALAND SOLIAD: S P Flerring (asptain), N J Astie, C L Cettre, S B Doul, C Z Hights, M J Home, C D McMillian D J Neath, S B C'Cornig, A C Parose



RACING

# Alner keen to preserve rural link for rising stars

By CHRIS McGrath

FOR many, the spiritual home of National Hunt racing is not Cheltenham, where the very hills seem to wear tweed. It is a muddy field in February, the rainclouds merging dawn and dusk, a place for wellies and an old wax jacket. In point-topoint racing, one is near the Turi's grass roots - and the new year means the start of a new season, the Irish leading the way with the South Union Foxhounds fixture at Roches-

town tomorrow. Point-to-pointing treasures its heritage, echoing the days when steeplechasing literally signified a cross-country race with churches as the starting and finishing post. Though the pastime of a largely conservative, rural constituency, it is thriving as never before. With purses as small as £100, competitors and spectators alike find sheer, sporting endeavour to be compulsion

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See More Business, used that horse's King George VI Chase success at Kempton on Boxing racing through point-to-pointing," he said yesterday. "A couple of years ago at Larkhill. Day as an opportunity to urge everyone in racing to share that pure motivation - a pointed rejoinder to the Maktoum brothers recent lamentations about prize-

money on the Flat. Whatever the merits of that debate. See More Business had, unarguably, demonstrated that racing and point-to-pointing are intimately entwined. Robert Alner, who made his name between the flags but

now trains with considerable success under Rules, believes that the same logic unites the hunting field, point-to-point and mainstream racing. The new season finds that pyramid menaced by the campaign against hunting. Doubtless the two upper "tiers" would manage to sustain themselves without the bedrock of hunting - but Alner is clear that they would have lost their natural, dynamic impetus.

"So many horses come into

See More Business won on the same card as Cool Dawn. Harwell Lad and Hanakham. while Suny Bay and Ask Tom once ran in the same maiden race in Ireland.

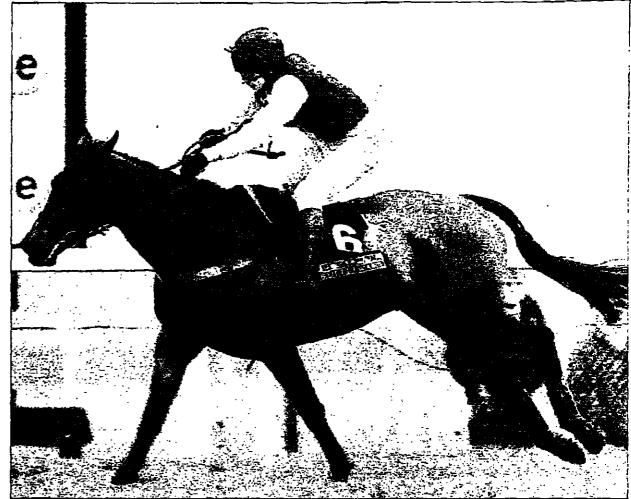
Hunting and point-to-pointing provide young horses with the ideal introduction to chasing. They learn how to handle themselves without being put under the sort of pressure they would face over hurdles against faster, more experienced horses off the Flat. The ones I get from Tom Costello in Ireland have been loose-schooled even before they are broken in.

"Not just the horses, though jockeys, too, people like Scudamore and Dunwoody and now Robert Thornton. There is a definite link here hetween a country way of life and a sport. It would be a shame if that link were broken by people who don't under-stand that way of life."

Dawn, who has now graduated to the fringe of Gold Cup class, will return to Ascot, scene of his recent Betterware Cup success, for a handicup on January 23. Another horse groomed in

point-to-points is Florida Pearl, brilliant winner of his first novice chase at Leopardstown on Monday. He won a maiden at Lismore before emerging as the top son. Foxchapel King. another exciting prospect, won a pointto-point for five-year-olds and upward when later discovered to be only four. If Florida Pearl set the

standard for the p, r crop of novices at Leopardstown. the same venue may yet reveal a British horse to match it. Bob Buckler, Alner's Dorset neighbour, is sparing Copper Boy his engagement at Cheltenham tomorrow, instead eyeing the Dr P J Moriarty Memorial Chase at Leopards town on February S.



Cool Dawn, a recruit from point-to-pointing, returns to Ascot next month, the scene of his last two victories

## WARWICK

12.30 Kadou Nonantais 1.00 Avanti Express 1.30 Line Of Conquest 2.00 Stanmore 2.30 Macy 3.00 Knight's Crest

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.00 STANMORE.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING COING, GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

12.30 TINY TIM NOVICES HURDLE (£2.963: 2m) (17 runners)

1996: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST Brownes HB Lad pulled up in grade it covice hardle at Utouster (2m 4i 110yd, soli); previously best Horme De Fer 1% in nowice hardle at Hereford (2m 11, good). Country Kris 431 4th of 14 to Grey Shot is novice hardle at Taunton (2m 11, good). Kadou Norsantals best Tim French 11 in NH list race at Hersford (2m 11, good) with Ta-Ra-Abit (tevels) 971 13th Koothary 181 3rd of 15 to Polar Prospect in province hardle at Utouster (2m good) best Tim Spring Oxfore in makes NH last at Utouster (2m, good) best Disches (2m), good) best Disches (2m), good) with Built in Heaven (tevels) 71 5th. Moonlight Air 5% 3rd to Opas in novice hardle at Warneck (2m 4f 110yd, good).

BETTING: 7-2 Deep C Diva. 4-1 Family Man, Andrew Momentals, 6-1-Browses, Hill Ead, 8-1 Kneibary, 10-1 others

BROWNES HILL LAD may be able to overcome, a double penalty B CRATCHIT NOVICES CHASE (£3.652; 2m) (9 numers) 

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Glendoe feel at lest when 81 cher in novice handicap chases at Fornivell (2m 21, good to soft).

Taunton (2m 31, good), previously best Hooded Hawfi 131 in 9-canner novice handle at Evelet (2m 31 110yd, good to soft); previously best Into 11 The Web 21 in 15-curner novice handle at Hereford (2m 11, good to soft). But Cotton Socials shi de 2nd of 14 to Seymoursell in novice handle at Newton Abbro (2m 61, heavy). Saint Celt 29:12nd of 5 to Ranger Stone in handleap handle at Hereford (2m 13 110yd, good to soft). Sierra Bay pulled up in novice handle at Handington (2m 110yd, good to soft). The Fence Strinker 161 3nd of 6 to Lake Kanton in novice chase at Uttoster (2m, soft) with Topperfilio (levels) 541 5th. Melstock Meggie 111 3nd of 16 to Spring Double in novice handleap 
GLENDOE, clear when leiling at the last at Taustion, can make amends COURSE SPECIALISTS Wins Hirs to SUCHLET 3 6 50.0 N Williamstin 4 12 33 3 C Usweller 20 121 24.0 R Johnson 6 25 24.0 A Thomson 26 177 22 R Manager 17 77 22.1 T Jenks

#### 1.30 CHRISTMAS PRESENT HANDICAP HURDLE

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TUSCAMY HIGHWAY won well at Lingüeld and is open to improvement

2.00 Frank and Ella Harrison Golden Wedding Handicap Chase (£3,552: 2m 4l 110yd) (6 runners)

263/1/1 EVEN R.OW 16 (CD.F.G.5) (A Mates) T Casey 8-11-13 ... M A Fitzgerald \$720/P PROMITAGER 9 (S) (Chaddeworth Patinessis) C Egerton 7-11-8 N Williamson PR5121- BROGERN LADV 224 (6,5) (Startight Recing) D Gardollo 7-11-8 G Uptow 302/PS STAMMORE 25 (0,6) (Injurinds Brookslock) C Brooks 5-11-2 S Mchiell 241-54 PRSSNN SWORD 16 (C.G.5) (Ford Farm Racing) D Mchiefan 11-10-7 R Admission 0P-5852 MICRIE JOE 16 (B.CD.F.G.S) (M Inte) M Inte 11-10-0 ... Mr O McPhall (7) Long handsap: Rickle Joe 9-13

Even Flow best Nickle Joe (16th better off) 31 in 5-runner bandrap cheze at Warnick (2m 41 10yd, good). Frontager pulled up in franciae prizes at Unifor (2m 4, good), previously 621 9th of 15 in Jet Roles in grade il noutce hardle at Chepston (2m 41 10yd, son). Brogeen Lady best Mr Boston 68 in 4-runner handlage chase at Unioneier (3m 2f. good). Stammore 51 tast of 5 to Wise King in novice cheze at Sandown (2m 41 10yd, good). Perstan Sword fell in handlage chase at Newton. Abbot (2m 51 10yd, besty) referensity 168 bit of 9 to High Legal in handlage chase at Hunangdon (3m, good).

BETTERS: 5-2 Even Plans, 11-4 Brogges Lady 9-2 Stansons, 5-1 Person Swood, 6-1 Mackle Joe, 10-1 Fronkage

EVEN FLOW is highly regarded and was must impressive on his reappearance here

#### 2.30 (£2,713: 2m 3l) (14 runners)

Long handicap: Welsh Spicines 9-13, Positing 9-7, Young Tycoon 9-7, Ladymatical 9-2, Finance 9-8 Bel-De-Moor 8-10, Mess Minteen 8-10, Species Stations 8-7 EETTRES: 4-1 Crystal Javed, 5-1 Atlanta, Med. 8-1 News Flish, 7-1 I Recall 8-1 Young Tyccon, 10-1 Macy, 12-1 Webh Spinor: Femure, 14-1 offices

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ELY'S HARBOUR should appreciate the lest of claiming here

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ARDFROVAN slayed on well at Towcester and should be able to win a bumper

2.10 GOATHLAND HANDICAP CHASE 1 82/3 THE BUD CLIB 13 ff.51 M Cannacho 9-11-12 ... P News 89+ 9-12-24 WUDNEP 13 (CD.F.G.S) Nex J Storey 8-11-9 ... Nex C Storey 9-13-43 SHEEDIN JAD 11 (D.F.5) Nist T Michaels Shame 9-11-6 T Read 4-222 PERLAMAN GALE 158 (CD.F.G.) Nex S Smith 6-11-4 R Guest 7-25 S-WHETE BELLE 27 (5.1 Howard Laterson 9-11-2 A Doubho 96 6-44-43 STRONGALONG 28 (B) P Cheesta ough 7-10-0 ... A S Smith 101

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#### 3.10 zetland novices handicap chase (£3,266: 2m 3f) (6)

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#### 3.40 STAND MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £2,038: 2m) (17)

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#### Johnson counts cost

KENNY JOHNSON expects to be out of action for about three weeks after fracturing his jaw in three places. Johnson underwent an operation at Newcastle General Hospital to repair the injuries he received in a fall from Over The Master in the Rusty Nail Novices' Chase at Musselburgh on Monday.

#### CATTERICK THUNDERER

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# Larder names players who could cross codes

Phil Larder, the England rugby union coaching adviser and former coach of the Great Britain rugby league team, said yesterday that Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens international scrum half, who has invited offers for a cross-code transfer to union, was one of several leading league players capable of making a successful transition to the

Larder bracketed Goulding, 25, with Gary Connolly, Jason Robinson. Andy Farrell and Paul Newlove, who, he said recently, could switch codes before the 1999 Rugby World Cup. as individuals capable of making outstanding contributions at club level and, possibly, for England.

Goulding's agent has notified leading clubs in the Allied Dun-Premiership and invited transfer offers. His C.V. on the circular says: "Bobbie Goulding. Aged 25. St Helens, Great Britain. Video available (not that he needs

one)."
"Frankly, I'm surprised, as Bobbie is steeped in a league back-ground, which is why, originally, wouldn't have seen him changing codes," Larder said. "He's a seasoned international player, with a sweet pair of hands and a great kicking game, who I signed from Leeds for Widnes.

"In union, he could possibly make it at either scrum half or fly half because of the way he can control a game. Personally, I think any one of the international league side could make the transition into union successfully and vice-versa, with the possible exception of the specialist prop positions and lineout jumpers.

England coaching adviser marks the card of

Christopher Irvine on league players

who would prosper in the union game

The likes of Bobbie Goulding against New Zealand, South Afripossess the mental toughness to succeed in making the switch."

Goulding, who attracted the interest of Saracens and Richmond earlier this year and has two years left on his contract at St Helens, where he earns around £130,000 annually, is happy to stay in league if the money in union is not satisfactory.

"If a top union club can buy out my contract, though, and meet personal terms, I'm ambitious to make the switch and reach the very highest level," he said. "The recent England internationals

ca and Australia were a joy to watch. The game and the way England are trying to play have come on immensely.

"My ambitions would not stop at club level. I've achieved most things in eight years in league and if the right offer came along, I'd move tomorrow if in my family's best interests."

In the new climate of belttightening, gambling up to £500,000 on someone whose previous union experience was for Lancashire Schools - where

scrum half, played outside Goulding at half back — or on someone of a combustible nature (Goulding was sent off twice last season, missed ten matches through suspension and was stripped of the St Heiens captaincy for indiscipline) could deter most clubs.

Worrying from league's perspective, as the sport gears up for a strictly-policed salary cap in 1998, is that one of its most highly-paid players should wish to offer himself to union. The salary cap, which places a 50 per cent ceiling of gross income on payments to players, could leave league vulner-able to poaching by union clubs if individual wages are not felt to be high enough.

Nigel Wood, the chief executive of Halifax Blue Sox, said: "It might be that league loses one or

but the game itself is bigger than individuals and the salary cap is being put in place for the game's well-being. If union continues spending beyond its means, it, too, will be forced into action."

At Premiership level, most of the league players who have switched successfully were union players originally. Goulding would become the first highprofile league bred player to make a permanent move to union in the professional era. The experiences this week of two former colleagues of his at Leeds and Widnes, Simon Irving (one of a dozen players at Wakefield to have their contracts cancelled) and Christian Tyrer (released by Bath after 15 months) indicate that the grass on the other side of the fence is not

**RUGBY UNION** 

15-man game.

# Cost imperatives force Bristol to weigh priorities

GOING into 1997, many English first division clubs believed that European rugby might be the universal panacea; on the eve of 1998, the call is for strong domestic competition. In this, at least, they are at one with the Rugby Football Union, but, for ailing clubs, their ambition requires even greater definition.

Domestic rugby — for the leading clubs — encompasses both Allied Dunbar Premiership and Tetley's Bitter Cup. but, of the two, the former is far more significant, not only because success carries with it qualification for European competition but because of the commercial spin-offs attached to the elite. Thus it is that Bristol's meeting with Harlequins in the first division of the Premiership at the Stoop Memorial Ground this afternoon must carry greater weight than progress in the cup, in which they play Worcester on Sunday.

There is little pleasure in being the bottom club in the first division, particularly if ou have the traditions that Bristol possess, but if ever a club needs to tighten its belt. with debt hanging over it and the sale of its ground on the cards, it is Bristol, whose players have managed only one win from eight games this season, conceding 300 points during that time.

Yesterday, Bristol announced that six members of the first-team squad would be placed on the transfer list: "We are looking for a tighter squad, one which still gives us reasonable cover but probably around the 30 mark," Fred Howard, the rugby manager, said. These players deserve to be playing regular rugby, which we are unlikely to be in a position to offer in the future."

The restructuring process leaves no room for two hookers, Jim Dickin and Brian Gully, Andy Collins, the England Under-21 prop. Chris Moore, a back-row forward who has played for the Combined Services, and two young backs, Steffan Jones and Nathan Millett.

Bristol have already purchased this season the kind of experience that they hope will keep them in the first division in the shape of two Frenchmen, Thierry Devergie and Fabrice Landreau. In addi-

Karl Kumbier, the Fylde forward, has been called up by Germany. Kumbier wili travel with the Germany team on January 2 for matches in Brazil, Uruguay and Chile, which are warmup games for the forthcoming World Cup qualifying match with Portugal.

tion. Adam Larkin, a centre from New Zealand, arrives this week. They began the season with a squad of around 40, but may go as low as 25 full-time professionals. so long as the club can sustain the quality of the youngsters to whom it can offer

At the same time, Bristol are pondering the future of their second team, Bristol United. who have lost five of their past six games because opponents have cried off, leaving expensive players kicking their heels in idleness. They may turn to a development XV, though, if they listen to Clive Woodward, the England coach, they will

rugby, an area that Woodward believes to be crucial to the future of clubs as well as

Meanwhile, Bristol must go to the Stoop today without Robert Jones, their captain and scrum half, who is in need of a rest, while another international. Kevin Maggs, the Ireland centre, damaged a finger during the 50-8 defeat by Newcastle last Saturday. Their places go respectively to Gareth Baber, late of Aberavon and Oxford University, and Simon Martin, while the captaincy falls to Paul Burke, the erstwhile Ireland

Bristol have also adjusted their back three: Ian Jones, the Welshman who played at full back against Newcastle, moves to the wing and Josh Lewsey, the England Under-21 player who was a late replacement for Jones on Saturday, keeps his place at a ground where they last won in February 1995 - and that by a single

fly half.

Indeed, it is more than seven months since Bristol last won an away league game, ignoring the play-off match at Bedford last season that kept them in the first division (for this year at least). In the 14 league games that they have played against Harlequins, they have left the Stoop successful on only two occasions. Harlequins may have had problems of their own this season, notably in terms of injuries among the tight-five forwards, where Andy Yates, who has propped for both Sale and Wakefield, stands by to make his debut, but the London side will hope to extend their sequence of consecutive victories over Bristol

## Glasgow's preparations hampered by injuries

inburgh named their teams yesterday for the final round district championship matches on Sunday, leaving Glasgow, the title favourites, as the only side yet to fully reveal their hand.

The day is promising to be perhaps the most important in Scotland's domestic calendar. with an extraordinary variety among the four participants in what doubles as the European qualifying competition.

The top three will take part in the Heineken Cup next season, with the fourth contesting the European Conference, yet any one of three districts can still win the title and thus earn what should be the least difficult draw in the Heineken Cup. Only Glasgow are sure of not missing out

Caledonia, the champions. could finish in any of the four

positions. They are without two Dundee HSFP international forwards - Tom Smith. who has not played since touring South Africa with the British Isles, and Stewart Campbell, who is struggling to overcome a cali injury. Kevin McKenzie, another third player with extensive international experience, who has recovered from a careerthreatening spinal injury, has been unable to force his way into the starting line-up.

"The harder Kevin has worked to challenge, the harder Gavin Scott has worked to hold on to the position," Ian Rankin, the Caledonia coach, said. "Gavin wasn't even in our squad last year, but he benefited from being on the Scottish Silver Thistles tour of New Zealand in the summer and is playing exceptionally

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caps in their XV - Rowen Shepherd, Derrick Patterson. John Manson, Stuart Grimes, Dave McIvor and Rob Wainwright - compared to the three included in Glasgow's 22-man squad listed yesterday. Glasgow cited niggling injuries for the delay in finalising their side, but were unwilling to identify those causing concern. James Craig had been ruled out earlier with a hamstring injury.

Although they have Scotland's most-capped player in their side for the meeting with the Borders. Edinburgh continue to have an unusually inexperienced look. Scott Hastings may be one of five international players in the squad, but the other four -Duncan Hodge, Barry Stewart, Stuart Reid and Cameron Glasgow, a substitute -- have

only nine caps between them.

One of the big selection issues was the inclusion of Hastings - not whether he would play, but where. He has performed well at full back for Watsonians in recent weeks, but Bob Easson, the Edinburgh coach, said: "Our full back. Hugh Gilmour, is re-turning to full fitness and I am happy with the club partnership of Scott Hastings and Jamie Mayer at centre. I think that gives us the right balance." John Walters, the Boroughmuir wing, a 25-year-old who has played 60 times for Waikato, will make his district debut six months after arriving from New Zealand.

# Jordan collects another record



THE irresistible Michael Jordan drives for the basket on the way to collecting another record in his magnificent career when leading the Chicago Bulls to a III-105 victory over Dallas Mavericks in a National Basketball Association (NBA) game on Monday night Jordan scored 41 points to equal Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record of scoring ten points or more in 787 consecutive games.

Despite Jordan's landmark, the game was dominated by Dennis Rodman, who foiled Don Nelson's intentional fouling strategy and just missed a triple-double, getting 27 rebounds, Il points and eight assists as

the Bulls stretched their winning streak to eight games and extended the Mavericks' losing streak to 12. Rodman's was his season's highest points total. He also matched his career highs in free throws attempted (12) and made

At Houston, David Wesley scored 21 of his 32 points in the first quarter. leading a barrage of three-point shooting as the Charlotte Hornets ended their three game losing streak by beating the Rockets 120-101. The Hornets, second in the NBA in three-point shooting at 37 per cent connected on 12 of 18 from behind the are and shot 60

Del Curry came off the bench to add 23 points, going six out of eight from three-point range, and Anthony Ma-son had 20. Clyde Drexier and Kevin Willis were the joint-top-scorers for Houston with 18 points apiece and Charles Barkley had 12 rebounds.

Keith Van Horn, a rookie, had a career-high 32 points and ten rebounds as the New Jersey Nets avenged their worst defeat of the season by beating Washington Wizards 99-91. Jayson Williams collected 19 points and 22 rebounds as the Nets prevailed despite making just two field goals in the fourth quarter. Chris Webber scored 22 points for Washington

#### CRICKET

#### Success of **Brown** is cause for optimism

WATCHING Dougie Brown, the Warwickshire all-rounder, sharing in England's recent triumph in the Champions Trophy in Sharjah was a bittersweet experience for members of the club that first nurtured his cricketing talent.

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There is, after all, something almost perverse about Clackmannanshire County, based in Alloa, sharing in the reflected glory of Brown's success on the international stage at a time when they are struggling to preserve their status because the supply of local talent has dried up.

It is fortunate that the citizens of the place that Scots call "the Wee County" are not possessed of a small-town mentality. Otherwise, how could someone who played in goal for Scotland as a schoolboy even contemplate turning ? out for the Auld Enemy?

"I had absolutely no qualms " about playing for England. because it is the pinnacle of my profession, but I did have: some about not playing for Scotland," Brown said. "How- : ever. I realised that I could ? also do more good for Scottish & cricket by playing for England ... than I could by playing for Scotland in the World Cup."

That ability to see the bigger picture is shared by former club-mates. Mahindra Patel : was one of the six-man Scottish Cricket Union (SCU) steering group whose propos-al effectively threw Clackman-



Brown: Sharjah triumph

nanshire out of the new Scottish National Cricket League for the next two years. Alex Ritchie, another club member. the SCU's general manager, was the steering group's secretary.

Relegated from the Scottish Cricket League last season, Clackmannanshire hoped that they might be saved by restructuring that was introduced to integrate the Western Union clubs and create a truly national competition. Instead, a three-conference set-up for next season, aimed at creating a new three-division league for 1999, left no opportunity for their return before 2000. Clackmannanshire believed that they had a legal case that would have allowed them to block the changes, but chose not to pursue that course.

Now Clackmannanshire officials appreciate that they must seek to capitalise on Brown's success and re-establish the youth policy that brought him to prominence. Their failure to attract youngsters in recent years has given rise to an ageing second XI of that is having trouble fulfilling its fixtures, contributing to the lack of reserve strength in a first XI that will now play in the feeder East League.

Cricker's image in Central Scotland has, of course, always had a problem, perceived as a game only for those with upper-class pretensions. However, with achievements such as taking two West Indies wickets in the first three balls of a match, including the removal of Brian Lara, Brown may be able to change that

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# Arise Sir Glenn as England triumph on away goals

JANUARY - Wales slump to No 172 in Fifa world rankings. below Greenland, Tasmania and the Falkland Islands. "Greenland, fair enough, but the Falklands?" Bobby Gould fumes. England drawn against Italy and Germany in same European championship qualifying group. "It's not good but it's not bad." Glean Hoddle says. They've all got to be beaten." Wales draw Greenland. Christian Gross, formerty of FC Toblerone, admits shake-up at Tottenham is not working. Terry Venables resigns as Australia coach to mastermind Jersey bid to stage 2006 World

Cup finals.

FEBRUARY - Frank Clark leaves Manchester City after reasoning that the impossible job is, er, impossible. Georgi Kinkladze returns to Georgia. It is quierer than Moss Side," he reflects. England recall Peter Shilton in goal and beat Belize 8-0 in World Cup warm-up. "There's no substi-tute for experience," Hoddle explains. Barry Fry leaves Peter-borough United for Galatasaray, prompting memorable headline "Fry's Turkish Delight". Brian Little signs Eddie Large as Villa Park assistant, with Harry Huge as first-team coach and Tiny Tim as physio. Chairman Doug Ellis

MARCH - Matthew Le Tissier left out of England World Cup

fails to see joke and retires.

squad, snubs Hoddle and appeals to Fifa for permission to play for beloved Guernsey. Stan Collymore waves to adoring Holte Enders and is immediately substituted owing to exhaustion. Reading beat Ipswich Town 7-6 in classic Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley. Trevor Morley scores winning goal. Uefa give back Uefa Cup place. Reading contemplate playing Real Madrid. Mick McCarthy unearths new 6ft 10in Irish ace. Lenny Leprechaum, in O'Reillu's bar. O'Reilly's bar.

APRIL - England lose 41 to San Marino en route to France. Four breakaway goals against the run of play," Hoddle muses, Fifa announces that Thailand, Indone-



sia and Borneo will co-host 2002 World Cup finals with Japan and South Korea, Howard Kendall replaced by Joe Royle at Everton. Football League considers Options

Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and

Pluto. Wimbledon complete move

MAY — Vauxhall Conference champions, Hednesford Town, refused entry to Football League on grounds that their toilets are not awful enough for third division. Late run from Portsmouth earns runners-up place in first division. Venables decrees public holiday in Pompey. Plymouth Argyle take second division title. Macclesfield Town win third division. Manchester United lose European Cup final 4-0 to Juventus. Alex Ferguson blames the referee, weather, pitch, fans, everyone bar his players. Wim-

JUNE - World Cup finals get under way with Fifa ruling that players will only be suspended if they receive eight bookings. England cruise through group matches, Scotland lose 3-0 to Morocco

bledon win FA Cup Final Eric

Cantona recalled to France squad. "I thank the seagulis." he

rants. "They fly so freely."

but reach second round by drawing lots. "Nae problem." Craig Brown insists. Hrista Stoichkov takes over as Bulgaria coach in mid-tournament. I know more than anyone," he says. "I'm the

Russell Kempson dusts down his crystal ball and takes a

light-hearted look at what is in store for football in 1998

FULY - Fifa announces 2002 finals will comprise 64 countries. Arsene Wenger, incognito in Marseilles, signs four more Frenchmen for Arsenal, England win World Cup final, drawing 2-2 with France but winning on away

**NEXT WEEK** 

in The Times on Monday: A lo-page guide to the 1998 sporting calendar

goals. Hoddle praises the Lord and is knighted. Roy Keane recovers from knee injury and returns for pre-season training with Manchester United. Gets sent off in five-a-side game at The Cliff and fined for calling Ferguson a moaner. Paul Gascoigne quits Rangers in £2.50 move to Oregon Guzzlers in the United States. "Woy aye, man. They're the dog's danglies." he confides to The Sun for £5,000.

**AUGUST** — Ron Atkinson leaves Shelfield Wednesday for Golden Bracelet FC of Hong Kong. "I hope the island's big enough for me," he webbles. Sam Hammam opens Guinness and Giblets bar in Duhlin. Reading decide to rename newly-opened Madejski Stadium because no one can spell it. "We're now going to call it Elm Park," chairman John Madejski says. Members of triumphant England squad given permission to miss first two weeks of season because of tiredness. Manchester City open second division campaign with three successive defeats. You've just got to roll with it." Noel Gallagher, the manager, croons,

SEPTEMBER - Fabrizio Rayanelli reioins Middlesbrough from Marseilles. "It was heil he confides. I now appreciare the beauty of Teesside and, by the way, can I have a pay rise?" Manchester United. Premiership victors, drawn in same group as runners-up Chelsea, third-placed Arsenal and fourth-placed Tottenham in revamped Champions' League format. "We only want

the best from each country." Uefa spokesperson says. Wolverhamp-ton Wanderers struggle at start of another Nationwide League campaign. "One more defeat and you're out." Sir Jack Hayward warns Mark McGhee, Brighton announce plans to groundshare with Sussex CCC.

OCTOBER - Wales lose opening European qualifying game 1-0 in Andorra, "Too much snow, we should've brought our skis," Gould laments. Micky Adams leaves Brentford and manages Wycombe Wanderers, Levton Orient and Southend United, all in the same week, before returning to Fulham. "I'm home at last," he coos. Rio Ferdinand warned by



police for dropping litter. "I'll stick by him." Hoddle says. Premiership referees forced to take liedetector tests at end of games. Managers decline same edict. There's no need, we always speak the truth." Ferguson says.

NOVEMBER — England squad depleted by food poisoning but still beat Azerbaijan 1-0 away in Euro qualifier. Hoddles praises lads for "running all day". Adams, Bould, Dixon and Winterburn leave Arsenal for retirement home. Wenger goes talent-spotting in Strasbourg. Bobby Robson replaces Roy Evans at Liverpool. I've always wanted to end my career at Goodison Park." he mumbles. Ken Bates voted life-chairman of Chelsea by overwhelming majority of 1-0. Gross departs White Hart Lane. Wales go off the Fifa clock. Rankings only reach 292.

**DECEMBER** — Nicky Barmby demands move from Everion. "I'm homesick," he whinges, "I want to return to where I was brought up. wherever that is, and another signing-on fee would be nice, too." Fifa consider idea of splitting games into nine ten-minute periods to accommodate advertisers. Martin O'Neill turns down vacant Northern Ireland job. "It would have been fantastic, smashing, incredible, brilliant, magnificent. out of this world," he rues, "but it was not to be."

**FOOTBALL** 

# Ferdinand commits himself to West Ham

By Russell Kempson and Richard Hobson

RIO FERDINAND, the England and West Ham United defender, has signed a sevenyear contract that will keep him at Upton Park until 2005. His decision to agree a threevear extension to his existing four-year deal ends speculation that Manchester United were planning to make an promising young players in the country.

Ferdinand, 19, has risen through the youth and reserve ranks at West Ham to command a regular first-team place in less than a year. He has also graduated from the England Under-21 team to the full senior side and is almost certain to win a place in the squad for the World Cup finals in France next year.

He was earning around E400 a week only 15 months ago yet is now well on his way to millionaire status. The club gave me my big chance and I want to repay them for that," Ferdinand said yesterday. "It's flattering that a club Manchester United should be linked with me, but everything is going well at West Ham. While that contin-

ues, I want to be part of it."
The solitary blip in Ferdinand's swift progress came in September, when he was found guilty of drink-driving and dropped by Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, from the squad to play Moldova. He was reinstated last month and made his senior debut in the 2-0 victory

over Cameroon at Wembley. Players and supporters of Tottenham Hotspur have called for calm in the wake of persistent reports that Christian Gross, the new coach, was going to leave the club after less than six weeks in charge. The speculation intensified on Monday when Fritz Schmid, a fitness adviser, was refused a work permit to join Gross at White Hart Lane. Adding to the uncertainty.

Les Ferdinand, the cousin of Rio Ferdinand, and Darren Anderton have publicly questioned Gross's training methods, claiming that they were possibly hampering their return from injuries.

Colin Calderwood, the Scotland and Tottenham defender, said: "All players are unhappy and Darren are no exception. They just want to be in the team, it's the same at every club in the country. They're bound to be a bit upset, but, hopefully, they won't be out for longer than two or three

Bernie Kingsley, chairman of the Tottenham Independent Supporters' Association, said: "I think the fans are still prepared to give Gross a

weeks.

Paulo Wanchope, among the brightest new faces to emerge in 1997, was given a warning about his conduct during a clear-the-air meeting with Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, yesterday. It followed Wanchope's petulant response to being substituted during the FA Carling Premiership game against Barnsley last Sunday, and what Smith described as a "verbal exchange" afterwards in the

dressing-room at Oakwell. Wanchope's importance to Derby was underlined, however, when Aljosa Asanovic completed a move to Napoli, the bottom side in Serie A. for a fee of around £350,000 yesterday. Asanovic, signed for £950,000 last year, wants to play regular first-team foot-ball in the build-up to the

World Cup next summer. Sheffield Wednesday are to have fresh talks with Hajduk Split in a bid to salvage the deal for the Macedonia international, Goce Sedloski, who failed a medical at Hillsborough before Christmas. Split say they are happy with the results of a second

# Moore makes the most of happy return

Richard Hobson meets

a manager enjoying the challenges at a

club where he was once idolised as a player



Ten years had passed since Ronnie Moore declined the offer to manage Tranmere Rovers when the next invitation from a league club arrived in the post. As the magnitude of his task in revitalising Rotherham United dawned, he was entitled to have waited a little longer.

Moore inherited a side at the end of May that had spent all but the first three games of 1996-97 ensconced in the bottom two of the Nationwide League second division. Rotherham were ultimately 17 points short of avoiding relegation, but it seemed like more. Just two players were under contract, with ten already released and another ten pondering one-year deals. The scrapyards of Ken Booth, the chairman, which border two-thirds of the Millmoor Ground, grew in metaphoric

significance by the week.

Despite this sandstone foundation, Moore still had everything to lose. Never go back, they say. As a bustling striker, he was idolised by Rotherham's bardy followers, scoring 51 goals in 125 league games between 1980 and 1983 and helping the club to promotion to the old second division in 1981.

Those same supporters, aware of his solid track record as assistant to John King at Tranmere Rovers and his desire to replace the departed Danny Bergara, staged sit-ins on the pitch and began a campaign to secure his appointment as last season ended in predictable chaos. One businessman pledged money to strengthen the team if Moore were appointed.

At the time, he was five months into managing South-port, but although Rotherham were unhappy at having to pay compensation to the Vauxhall Conference club, the alternative was too unpopular



Moore is relishing Rotherham's FA Cup encounter with Sunderland on Saturday

to countenance. "I was the only one taking a gamble." Moore said. "I could casily have lost face. The task was enormous, but if things went wrong, the board could turn around to the fans and say they had acted on demand." At the moment, the direc-

tors are more likely to say ted have scored more League

"thank you". After beginning the season poorly, Rotherham goals and the FA Cup thirdround tie at home to Sunderhave climbed to fourth in the land on Saturday, pitting third division. Moreover, they Moore's wits against Peter Reid, a team-mate at schoolhave progressed with an attractive style, embracing a boy level in Huyton, is further sweeper and out-and-out evidence of progress. Recogniwingers. Only Charlton Athtion came in November, when letic and Peterborough Unihe was named divisional manager of the month.

to stay behind for at least an hour to chew over proceedings informally. He has introduced afternoon training sessions, not only to improve technique but to ensure that the players — there are now 28 signed up including the train-ees — are not bored at home. His nine years in official capacity at Tranmere shaped

togetherness about the club.

Where players drifted off after

matches, it is now compulsory

his attitude to management. In 1987, while player-coach, he succeeded Frank Worthington as caretaker-manager, but declined to accept the job on a full-time basis because the board would not extend his contract. Later, he was pro-moted to assist King, who remains a huge influence, but was dismissed last year after what he describes as "one dodgy season".

"It was a bitter pill to

The supporters staged sit-ins on the pitch to secure his appointment'

swallow and I was unemployed for eight months," Moore said. "That is why my attitude now is to enjoy every minute at Rotherham. The only thing I know for certain is that one day I will be sacked. I have to savour games like Sunderland." Desnite a career soread

over 18 years, Moore has never gone beyond the fourth round of the FA Cup - and that, at Charlton, when his side came in at the third. He acknowledges that the prospect of overcoming Sunderland is less than even, but recalls an American experience to show how reputations are often better ignored.

Invited to spend three months with Chicago Sting in the North American Soccer League, he made his debut against New York Cosmos in front of 110,000 people in the Giants Stadium. "In those days. Transnere got crowds of about 1,500, so it was a big, big game for me. They had Pelé and Beckenbauer, but 1 scored the winning goal. don't usually say this because it ruins a good story, but Pelé was well past his best, hardly in it. On one particular day, anything can happen."

#### Qualities of Palmer crucial to victory By OUR SPORTS STAFF

SOUTHAMPTON were supposed to be the undercard to Cheisea's flowing football, The Dell the stage upon which Ruud Gullit's team could display their FA Carling Premiership credentials, but it was Southampton, commitment personified, who came away with a richly-deserved 1-0 victory on Monday night.

Carlton Palmer, once part of the England midfield, has benefited immensely from his move to Southampton this season. His performance against Chelsea was instrumental in the home team's victory, his comments yesterday in reviewing the match to the point: "We wanted it more

than you," he said. Not for nothing has Dennis Wise been an ever-present under Gullit's changing cast of players at Stamford Bridge this season and it was his absence through suspension that showed. The lack of real bite in midfield, with space continually closed down by Southampton, was evident.

Palmer paid tribute to Chel-sea's qualities as an attacking force: "Chelsea are a super team and if you don't deny them space they'll pass the ball around and murder you. he said. "I wouldn't say that we had more commitment. because they worked hard all game and did knock it around. So I'm not saying they didn't fight. That would be a lie. They passed it well and perhaps didn't have the luck.

"lt's not just Chelsea that you have to do it to. You've got to do exactly the same against [Manchester] United, Liverpool and Arsenal. You have to close them down, especially somebody like Zola. But you have to do that with Steve McManaman, David Beck-ham and Paul Scholes as well. You have to earmark them for special treatment. Zola's one of them."

David Jones, the Southampton manager, was generous in his praise of Palmer's contribution, both against Chelsea and throughout the season. "Carlton's been brilliant since he came to the club," he said. The lad is a winner. He leads by example and you can't say any more of him. I know that i only got him at the price I did [El million] because of the problems at Leeds."

#### Court declines to overrule ban

MOTOR RACING: A Belgian court said yesterday that it did not have the power to overrule a ban on tobacco advertising that threatens to stop the Belgian Formula One motor racing Grand Prix taking place. The pronouncement came just before the December 31 deadline given to grand prix organisers by Formula One to find a

way around the ban. We put an enormous effort into fighting this and i hope the international organisers will take that into consideration," Andre Maes, the Belgian Grand Prix director, told Belgian television. The law, which bans all tobacco adventising and sponsorship

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from January 1, 1999, was challenged by backers of the Spa-Francorchamps race.

Wright rises

E SOUASH: Sue Wright, the British champion from Aylesbury, has reached the highest world ranking of her career as the No 3 on the new list that was issued yesterday. Three titles on the North American leg of the recent World Tour and a semi-final place in the World Open

championship have taken Wright ahead of Cassandra

Australian out

**E TENNIS:** Mark Philippoussis has withdrawn from the Australian men's hardcourt tournament in Adelaide next week with a shoulder injury. Philippoussis has chosen to rest before the Australian Open.

First home

■ SAILING:Beau Geste, a Hong Kong yacht owned and skippered by Karl Kwok, was declared the provisional overall Winner of the Sydney to Hobart race yesterday.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL COLLEGE MATCHES: CerQuest Bowl: George Tech 35 West Virgina 30 (at Marni), Holiday Bowl: Colorado State 35 Missouri 24 (at Sen Diego) Humanitarian Bowl: Cincinnali 35 Utah State 19 (at Bose Idaho).

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> **FIXTURES** RUGBY UNION

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FOOTBALL SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Crusaders v Ards (3 0)

# Selectors swiftly revert to fartism

have thought long and hard about the reasons for L demotion of Adam Hollioake from the position of captain of the England oneday cricket team and I think I have cracked it. It is because the selectors are old farts.

The term, a useful one in all walks of life, acquired a certain dubious respectability at any rate, a publishability after Will Carling's throwaway description of the men at the top of his own sport of rugby union: the famous 57

The Hollioake decision was made by three selectors. The first is David Graveney. whom I am inclined to let off. The other two are Mike Ganing and Graham Gooch. Mr. Gooch, Mr.

Gaining: jaccuse. You — for-mer rebels both, former new brooms, men formerly dedicated to changing the face of English cricket - are a pair of old farts.

It doesn't take long, does it? Gooch stopped playing last summer. Gatting is still playing, but scratch a man dressed in a little brief authority and you lay bare the fart beneath.

At the last World Cup. England showed that they were probably the worst oneday international side in the world and certainly the least up-to-date. My old friend, Matthew Engel, picking his words with the precision that belits the editor of Wisden, said that the England team was like "a bad-tempered grandmother attending a teen-

The end-of-term report said: "Must do better." Which involves taking one-day cricket with the seriousness of purpose that is appro-

'Mr Gooch

and Mr

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priate to international sport. Which means changing your way of thinking. And, glory be, England actually did it. After years of turning down

invitations to play in "spurious" one-day\_tournaments in Sharjah, England accepted one. They sent out a team of one-day specialists under a groovy young captain who revels in that form of the

Hollioake did all that was required and more. For a moment, it seemed like the dawning of the age of postfartism. The team went out full

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

of bounce and came back veritable Tiggers. It would be daft to get over-excited about all this, but a team can do no more than win every match. It was an uncharacteristically bold experiment, taken in the absence of Michael Atherton. who had declared himself unavailable, and it worked.

One gets used to unusual behaviour from all sporting administrators, England cricket selectors in particular. but to have the courage to try an experiment, to have the good fortune to see it work and then to chuck it out and go

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back to the old way — this flies in the face of logic. How many times have Gooch and Gatting bewailed selectorial lunacy? Yet now they are perpetrating the same behaviour, consistent to nothing but the ancient

precepts of fartism. Hollioake in the role of England one-day captain was shown, prima facie, to be a good thing. So, after going to trouble and expense of finding this out, they have relegated him to vice-captain. There are good leaders and good No 2s

to all cricketers: do everything we ask and more, and you'll surely be Why have they done this? Because

person. Message

separate captains for one-day cricket and for Test cricket is Simply Not Done. It is not so much that it undermines the captain as the fact that it undermines the notion of captaincy.

Shakespeare's plays ring with the respect for the mystical state of kingship. A king is a man who is, indeed, in office by divine right and to dethrone him is a kind of blasphemy. Gooch and Gatting, former England captains. believe that the same thing is true of captaincy.

This is pure fartism. When they were hot and rebellious young things, their respect for authority was less marked. Gatting caused a diplomatic incident and then a sleazy scandal. Both men betrayed world cricket, and much else besides, by taking part in rebel tours to South Africa.

Both have been wonderful cricketers, but that is not in the area of dispute. Both are men and rarely are they the same of admirable qualities, but sport, as always.

has revealed their

flaws and their 'Sport has virtues together. revealed The point is not so much their pertheir flaws sonal failings as the speed with which Young and virtues' Turks become old

> farts. Gooch and Gatting were selected as selectors because they were in touch: younger than is traditional for the job and, indeed, actually playing. They brought vibrant new thinking to the job too, with the Hollioake experiment. But they lost their nerve. It seemed that the winds of change were blowing, but no. Fartism is dead: long live fartism.

> > STEFANO BELLANDIN

TELEVISION CHOICE

# Lupine resourcefulness

The Wildlife Specials: Wolf BBC1, 7.35pm

The wolf may be the ancestor of our domestic dog but we have never treated it as a pet. On the contrary we have never treated it as a per. On the contrary we have done our best to banish it to the remotest corners of the globe. This presents a formidable challenge to wildlife film-makers. But they are as resilient a breed as the wolf itself, and to get footage for this documentary Jeff Turner spent seven months a year for three years. seven months a year, for three years, camping out in Canadian temperatures many degrees below zero. Nobody will say it was not worth it, especially after they have seen the sequence in which a pack of wolves eye up a herd of buffalo many times their size with a view to a filling meal. But there are wolves nearer home. In Transylvania, Dracula country, they are filmed leaving their forest habitat for the nearest town to scavenge, just like urban foxes, in the dustbins.

#### Cold Enough for Snow BBC1, 9.00pm (Not Scotland)

This is a sequel to the marvellous Eskimo Day. This is a sequel to the marvellous Eskimo Day. Jack Rosenthal's funny and perceptive study of two chalk-and-cheese families trying to get their offspring into Cambridge. In Cold Enough For Snow the story moves on to the anguish of the A levels and the wrench of the young people leaving home, though their university desimation is not Cambridge but Exeter. Rosenthal's social observation is again spot-on and his evolutionation of observation is again spot-on and his exploration of what parents go through when their children leave the nest will strike many a chord. The fine cast returns en bloc. Tom Wilkinson and Anna Carteret returns en bloc. Tom Wilkinson and Anna Carteret play the well-heeled Lloyds, with David Ross and Maureen Lipman as the working-class Whittles and Laura Howard and Benedict Sandiford as the fussed-over students. The episodic structure means a leisurely pace but as in Eskimo Day the punchline is completely unexpected.

#### Growing Up With 4: Max Headroom Channel 4, 9.00pm

No retrospective of Channel 4's first 15 years would be complete without one of its most original creations. Max Headroom was the computer-generated television presenter named after the sign in car parks. Real TV hosts are no doubt relieved

Maureen Lipman stars (BBC1, 9.00pm)

that the idea has not caught on but Max was hig in his time, introducing a pop video series, featuring in commercials and even topping a popularity poll. He was also a favourite of Jeremy Isaacs. Channel 4's first chief executive, who chose him for the Growing Up With 4 season. The emergence of Max was charted in this 1985 film, about a television was charted in this 1985 film, about a television was charted in this 1985 mm, about a television station whose star reporter gets too near the truth about its dodgy dealings. In a superbly inventive piece of science fiction, the reporter's brain is used to create Max. But he proves to be less malleable than his masters had hoped.

#### The Unique Dave Allen

Under The Influence

Radio 5 Live, 10.00pm

cures for a hangover.

BBC1. 10.30pm

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When is a repeat not quite a repeat? When it is., Dave Allen introducing clips from his old BBC shows. Not that the project is not entirely welcome, apart from an ITV series distinguished more by smut than wit, Allen has not been on the small screen much recently and although unique is a huge claim there has never been a funnyman quite like him. He is an incomparable purveyor of the shaggy dog story and he has the Irishman's knack of joking about religion without ever quite crossing into blasphemy. We tend to remember Allen on his stool, cigarette and whisky at the ready, but this series draws more on his sketches and stand-up series draws more on his sketches and stand-up routines. The first programme concentrates on Christmas, with Allen's links offering hist memories of Christmases past. Peter Waymark

One of the reasons for highlighting this?

One of the reasons for highlighting this programme is to demonstrate that anyone who thinks schedulers are devoid of a sense of humour, has got it wrong. There is no way that this programme can help people who will have a hangover tomorrow morning because by 10pm tonight they will be beyond taking in serious information. So it must be scheduled for the tectotal housebound who like to have a few facts to back up their Linksweep streets aimed at less

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#### RADIO CHOICE

Radio 2, 7.00mm

One of my few rules in this space is that I do not insult readers by telling them which radio network, if any, they ought to be tuned in to at midnight on New Year's Eve, not least because I minight on New Years Eve, not least because I know there are plenty of people who do not bother to stay up for the chimes. But there are plenty of people who stay in and Britannia is as entertaining and informative a nostalgia trip as one could imagine for this particular evening. Rear Admiral Sir Robert Woodward, Flag Officer Royal Vachts for five years until 1005 presents this two-Yachts for five years until 1995, presents this two-parter, which begins tonight with the building of Britannia on the Clyde to a design. I was surprised to learn, based on a cross-Channel ferry of the time. But what an elegant vessel was to emerge.

#### RADIO 1

8.00am Chris Moyles 10.00 Mark Goodler 12.30pm Mary Anne Hobbs 4.00 UK Top 40 1997 7.00 Pete Tong's Edectic Selection 10.30 New Year Extravaganza. Including Dave Pearce itve from Glasgow and at 12.30am Pete Tong at the Ministry of Sound in London

#### RADIO 2

6.00am Richard Alinson 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Alex Lester 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 6.00 Rockin' Ali Over the World: Status Quo Story 7.00 Entannial See Choice 8.00 The Funny Business' 9.00 Andy Peebles Soul Show 10.00 A New Year's Eve to Remember 11.45 Steve Madden 3.00am Patrick Lunt

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00em Murray Walker's Grand Prix World (r) 6.30 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.30 The Celtic Tiger 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 The Politician, the Actress and the Bishop (r) 8.00 Any Sporting Questions 10.00 Under the Influence. See Choice 11.00 News Extra 11.30 The Celtic Tiger (r) 11.55 Alter Hours 12.00 Alter House 2.00em Up All Nicht 2.00 Lin All Nicht 5.00 Linder the followers at Night 2.00 Up All Night 5.00 Under the influence (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

#### 6.00am Lynn Parsons 10.00 (FM) Robin Banks 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Merk Forrest 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (MW) Calmin Jones 10.00 Jeremy Clark 2.00am Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30mm Paul Ross & Carol McGiffin 9.00 Peter Dealey 12.00 Lorraine Keily 2.00pm Mike Dickin 4.00 Kate Lloyd & Bill Over-ton 7.00 Sport Review 10.00 Jernes Whale 3.00mm Mark Smith

6.00am On Air, with Stephanie Hughes, including Mozart (Missa Solermis in C, K337)
9.00 Morning Collection. Presented by Penny Gore
10.00 Musical Encounters, with John Toel. Rossini (Overture Otello); Bernstein (Chichester Psalms); Mozart (Piano Sonata in A minor, K310)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Twentleth-Century American Song, with Brian Morton
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. A post of the Week of the Stephino Overtat with Bales.

7.00 Performance on 3. A concert given last month at the Queen Elizabeth Hall as part of the London

#### back up their I-told-you-so sneers aimed at less restrained family members in the morning. Whatever, Stoart Maconie has dug up just about everything you could ever wish to know about alcohol including — nay. especially — umpteents:

WORLD SERVICE 6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Oit the Shelf 7.30 Meridian Live 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Westway 8.30 Everywoman 9.00 News: News in Germanic (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 The Farming Worlds, 9.30 Science File 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdash 10.30 One Planet 11.00 Newsdash 11.30 Sports Remew of the Vear 12.00 News 12.05pph World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Seeing Stars 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.95 Outlook 2.30 Megarns 3.00 News; News in German 1648 only 3.05 Scorts Roundup 3.15. News in German (648 only) 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15. Performence 3.30 Everywornan 4.00 News 4.30 The World Today, News in German (648 only) 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 Europe Today 5.20 World Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.09. Newsdesk 6.30 The Works: News in German (648 only) 7.05 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Multitrack X-Press 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Ritain Today 9.00 Co Screen 10.00 Newsdesk 6.30 The 9.00 Screen 1 Press 8.00 Newshord 9.30 On Screen 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Eustrees 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.05 Cutlook 11.30 Multitrack X-Press 12.00 Chime and Full Surke of Big Ben 12.01am Newsdesk 12.30 F. O. O. C 12.45 Britain Today. 1.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Ornibus 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Mediam. Books 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sporta2:

Roundup 3.30 Journey to the Centre of the Alorn 3.45 The Learning World 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Off

6.00tm Alan Mano, Includes Breakfast Barroque 9.00 Hero Kelly. Includes the Hall of Ferme Hour and the Classic Masterpiece 1.00pm Chart of 1947 2.00 Concerto. Mozart (Violin Concerto No 4 in D) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Susannah Strains 8.00 Evening Concert. Richard Baker presents a New Years Eve concert following the order of one given in Vienna in 1947, featuring music by the Strauss family and their contemporaries 10.00 Mergaret Howard 12.00 Big Ben Back to Back Dance Classics. A selection of music to take you mit of 1998 in style 1.00em Christmas With Kin (r) 2.00 Classic Countdown '97 (r) 5.00 Mel Cooper

1.00pm The Radio 3 Limchtime Concert. A performance by the Endelion Quarter, with Robert Cohen, cello. Schubert (String Quintet in C) (r)
2.00 Michweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe
4.00 Choral Evensong. From Westminster Abbey
5.00 The Changing Orchestra. Michael Hall explores the changing sound of the recorded orchestra
6.00 Soft Resounding. Humphrey Carpenter introduces memorable encounters with Softi
7.00 Performance on 3. A concert observations.

Jazz Festival. Fred Hersch, pieno, Cynthia Clarey, soprano, Jake Gardner, baritone, BBC Concert

Orchestra under Robert Ziegler. Tchaikovsky am Ellington/Strayhom (Overture. The Nutcracker): Ellington (Three Pieces from The River): Billy

Elengton (Three Pieces from The River); Billy Strayhorn, arr Hersch (Three Songs); Wilhelm Grosz (Afrika Songs); Elington (New World Acomin); Anthony Davis (Notes from the Underground); Elington (Harlem)

8.40 Postscript: Ageing Tastes (3/5)

9.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Belosa Cuartet. Haydh (String Quartet in D).

Debussy (String Quartet in G mirror)

9.50 The Shellac Show, with Jeremy Nicholas Includes Louis Kertiner playing Constant
Lambert's arrangement of Liszt's Dante sonata

10.45 Composers of the Weelc British Light Music

11.45 Jazz Notes New Year Party. Digby Fairweather is joined at the Bust's Head in Barnes one of Lordon's most famous jazz venues, by the dynamic band Sax Appeal and the occasional piper to see in the new year

piper to see in the new year 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macked

iam (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Facts and Farcies 8.58 Weather News 9.05 Midweet, with the *Times* columnist

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Libby Purves and her guests in Scotland
10.00 (FM) News; The Garden (3/4)
10.00 (LW) News; The Garden (3/4)
10.00 (LW) News; Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On this Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jerni Murray
11.30 The Pictwick Papers(6/6)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Waite
12.25pm Little Novels: Mr Policeman and the Cook.
A mystery by Willie Collins 12.55 Weather
1.00 World at One, with James Cox
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; From the Bottom of a Well, by Claire
Dowle. The story of a man's obsession
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.05 Keleidoscope Feature: Rocket Man and the
Chipolata Fingers. Paul Gambaccini talks to
Elton John about his 30-year career (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Masterbrain (r)
7.00 News; 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts. A new series with John Waite
7.45 Correspondents Look Ahead
8.45 How Music Change Can the World. The first of 6.5
a new series exploring the influence of music
9.30 The Pickwick Papers (6/5) (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight Special Debate
10.45 Book at Bedfürme: Playback (8/10)
11.00 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell
and Todd. John Eggleston's cornecty (3/6)
11.15 TV Dinners: The Happiest Days of Your Life. A
cardy comic tale by Keith Lawes (3/6)
11.30 John Shuttleworth's Open House. John John
Shuttleworth live in his Sheffield home Winten and
performed by Graham Fellows
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book — Ghost
Storles: A School Story, by M.R. James. Two
corpses are dragged from a deep well (3/5) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.8, RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4, RADIO 4, FM 92.4, St. LW 198; MW 720, RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am), Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Inc. 1993.

#### HOH No prizes for finishing second in Bormio, but Franz, runner-up in six downhills, has his eye on a place in the Austria team for the Olympic Games Schifferer leads the Austrian charge By Our Sports Staff land, showed a glimmer of the piste, but skied an aggressive and that, along with a bit of said. "I'm going to go home for form that took him to the second half. He then watched luck, made the difference. It's New Year, host a big party world championship downhill skier after skier eclipse his a great way to finish the year." title a year ago, finishing sixth in 2min 2.52sec. "It's good to be back at last," he said. "I've and hope 1998 starts as well as halfway split time before fad-Werner Franz, also of Aus-1997 has ended." ing nearer the finish. Maier still heads the overall tria, was second in 2min l spent a long time suffer-1.62sec. He has now finished World Cup standings with 639 had a difficult season so far." Schifferer, the winner at points. Schifferer moves up to ing at the bottom of the second in six World Cup Kristian Ghedina, of Italy, mountain because I made a bit downhills, but has yet to win third on 401 points. winner of the first race of the of a mess of the first part of the Three other Austrians -season at Beaver Creek, disapone. "That doesn't bother me Hannes Trinkl, Stefan Eber-

won his second men's downhill of the season in Bormio, Italy, vesterday and deposed Hermann Maier, his fellow Austrian and the overall World Cup leader, at the top of the downhill standings.

Beaver Creek in the United States this month and second in a downhill in Bormio on Monday, covered the icy Stelvio piste in 2min 1.44sec. The fifth to start, he made errors on the upper part of the

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WORD-WATCHING

not ()din) eight legs. The horse was red-hot for speed. He was

similarly successful at stud. When Sigurd drove some horses into the river, one only swam across, thowing up his head and

(a) A kind of duster or slippery shammy-leather cloth for

rubbing with paraffin and polished with chamois leather or

(b) Footlike, looking like a foot, From the Greek. The word is

used to describe certain plants having rhizomes resembling a

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

words, a grand housekeeper (male, of course) for nobs.

neighing for victory. He was Grani by Sleipner.

race." he said. "I was convinced Maier would beat me, but it seems he had some problems too. I was more

too much as at the moment." he said. "Consistency's the important thing. We're all looking for places in the Olympic team." Lasse Kjus, of

Norway, was third in 2min 2.10sec Maier, the revelation of the Alpine World Cup this season. missed out on the podium for only the second time in nine consecutive giant slalom, ici A major domo. An official in the household of a sovereign or super-giant slalom and downgreat noble to whom the administration of justice and total races. The 25-year-old control of domestic arrangements were entrusted. In other racer from Flachau, who beat Schifferer to claim his first World Cup downhill victory on Monday, finished fourth in (a) In Nordic mythology, the horse of Odin, having (the horse,

#### DETAILS

2min 2.19sec. "I'm just happy

to have survived today," he

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harter and Roland Assinger -

also finished in the top ten, but

Josef and Fritz Strobl (no

relation) failed to finish.

# The authentic voice of a grieving people

he good thing, perhaps the only good thing, that can be said about the unprecedented grieving that followed the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, is that it worked. We felt sad, we grieved and eventually we felt better again. Which is why, up until now, I have felt no compunction whatsoever in avoiding the various tribute programmes that the nation's broadcasters have prepared for the year end. For the time being I am tributed out.

But I had a hunch that Modern Times: The Shrine (BBC2) might be different and it was. No familiar biographical details, no overused library footage - just a succession of televisual encounters with some of the millions of people who Poured into Kensington Gardens after her death and, in many cases, found it terribly difficult to go home again.

The greatest achievement of Richard Alwyn's fine reportage

was that it halted in its tracks the rewriting of history currently taking place over the nation's allegedly, more sophisticated dinner tables. Mass hysteria, they sneer. not genuine grief: "Of course, I went along to see what all the fuss was about," conveniently forgetting how difficult it was to hold back the tears, or the flowers they took along because somehow that

seemed right. The first ten minutes was an almost shocking reminder of how powerful the emotional response to the Princess's death was. The tears may have dried by now but that rather odd sound you heard at about quarter past nine last night was the nation (or at least that part of it which watches BBC2) having a good sniff.

Having sensibly dispensed with a narrator, it was left to those interviewed to try to articulate what they and everyone else was feeling. A young woman seemed to

piece of history, it's a piece of you." But if that wasn't to your taste, there were plenty of others.

The film's main flaw, in fact, was that there were too many others. It could have ended, rather beautifully, after ten minutes, with a single white rose that had been tossed into the path of the funeral corrège that lay undisturbed until a road-sweeper swept it into his trolley. In reality it ended a full 65 minutes later, with an echo of that first floral image as heaps of decaying flowers were fed into a shredder on their way to becoming

For me the film was a good 20 minutes too long, despite the undeniable beauty of some of the photography and some powerful reminders of things only recently past (such as Earl Spencer's funeral address) but already consigned to history. Long before

Matthew Bond

we got to the compost heap and the credits, I felt as if I had been through the entire grieving process ain. I had felt sad. I'd reflected and now ... I felt better again. It was time for something else. 'Such as the other moment of history this year, the general election and, more specifically, the role of Martin Bell, television reporter-turned-politician, therein.

was the inspiration for

another of Guy Jenkin's clever little jeu-de-current affairs, Mr White Goes to Westminster (Channel 4). In the place of Bell we had Ben White (Bill Paterson), an intrepid foreign correspondent who didn't work for the BBC but did have a glamorous daughter (Josephine Butler). And in place of the Hamiltons we had the Madisons (Robert Duncan and Celia Imrie). So far, so familiar territory.

But it was when we got to the Tatton result (played here by Dorset East) after only II minutes that I realised that Jenkin must have something else up his sleeve. Turned out to be my sister. The incomparable Samantha Bond played Helen Nash, an ambitious new Labour MP whose one concession to the socialism that had once inspired her was to wear red knickers under her Armani suits. More importantly, she also turned out to be an old flame of White's, a fact which the tabloids took much

misrepresented by the press a statutory right of redress (equal

space in the newspaper).

Meanwhile, White and Nash were taking much pleasure in illadvisedly rekindling the fiame, which is always an awkward moment for a brother but I can see it helped the plot along.

aving scored as many comic hits against the Madison/Hamiltons as his lawyers would allow, Jenkin turned his pen against new Labour and the newspapers. Had the banner headlines about their original affair harmed her chances of becoming a junior minister?, asked a concerned White. "Mandelson says no," she replied.
"So yes, then." Very enjoyable.

Much less enjoyable was King Leck (FTV), a comedy drama (or so it was billed) that can't possibly

pleasure in revealing after White have been what ITV was expecting. What they wanted, surely, was a knockabout comedy about two rival northerners and their prize leeks. What William Ivory, the writer, delivered was something so black that it was nigh on impossi-ble to see the comedy at all. When the hero is "fat, 50 and on the scrapheap" and the most sympathetic character turns out to be a drug-dealer, you know you're in

The specific trouble is that we've seen this bleak, working man (or in this case non-working man) stuff too many times before. Ivory combined it with comedy quite brilliantly in the first series of Common as Muck, much less successfully in the second series and hardly at all in this - despite the enthusiastic support of Muck veteran Tim Healy as Cromer. Ivory's new year resolution should be to take a deep breath ... and try something new.

#### BBC1

7.00em News (T) (2295431) 7.10 Paddington Pees (2853219) 7.15 Teletubbles (2842528) 7.40 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (8262561) 8.05 Casper Classics (6497306) 8.30 Jonny Quest (9997621) 8.55 Newsround '97 (r) (T) (9706035) 9.30 Sweet Valley High (1126666) 9.50 Teletubbies (9705764)

10.20 News (T) (8686561) 10:30 The Nutcracker Prince (1990) An animated version of the children's Christmas favourite. Directed by Paul

Schibfi (T) (1356054) 11.40 Cartoon (4222035)

12.00 Keeping Up Appearances Christmas special (1) (1) (11509) 12.30pm Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook (T)

1.00 News (T) and weather (50941528) 1.15 Neighbours (T) (73086306)

1.35 Cartoon (17812073) 1,45 Bugsy Malone (1976) British director Akan Perker's slapstick musical spoof of 1940s gangster movies, leaturing a huge cast composed entirely of children including Jodie Foster (1) (700603)

3:15 Back to the Future, Part III (1990) Sci-fi cornedy in which Michael J. Fox reprises his role as time-travelling teenager Marty McFly, this time transported back to the days of the Wild West. Directed by Robert

Zemeckis (T) (95985870) **505 Neighbours** (r) (1) (6784238) 5.30 News (T) and weather (138967)

5.45 Regional News (492677) 6.00 K-9 (1989) Fast-moving comedy, with James Belushi as an obsessive hardbitten cop who is assigned a new

partner, an alsatian. Directed by Rod Daniel (T) (43963238) Wolf: A Wildlife Special A close-up look at wolves in the wild in northern Canada and Transylvania

(1) (634783) 8.25 News (T) and weather (210141) 8.45 The National Lottery Draw (375702)

Cold Enough for Snow Tragi-cornedy sequel to Eskimo Day, starring Maureen Lipman, David Ross and Anna Carteret (1) (1870) 10.29 National Lottery Update (907069)

The Unique Dave Alien
Dave Alien presents some of his most outrageously tunny sketches and stand-up routines about Christmas

11.00 The End of the Year Show with Angus Desyton with celebrity guests and live music (1) (688342)

12.05am Happy New Year The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, reflects on the year gone by and looks forward to 1998 (6761212)

12.10 Hogmanay Live Cellidh held in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle introduced by Carol Smille and Dougle Vipond (6987555) 1.00 Carry On at Your Convenience (1971)

Corriedy, with the usual Carry On crew, about an over-eager union leader at a levalory factory. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (8588265)

2.25 Weather (9196555) 2,30 BBC News 24

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#### BBC2

6.55em Going Hollywood (2186702) 8.10 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century: Loch Ness (9583870) 8.35 Vivacious Lady (1938) Nightclub singer

Ginger Rogers marries professor of botany James Stewart. Directed by George Stevens (9344122)

10.05 The Great Romances of the 20th Century: Tycoon William Randolph Hearst and actress Marion Davies

10.30 The Shop Around the Corner (1940) James Stewart stars with Margaret Sullavan. A letter-writing shop assistant begins a romantic correspondence with a mysterious lonely hearts pen-pal. Ittle realising she is actually the colleegue with whom he constantly bickers at work. Directed by Ernet Lightech (97157031) Directed by Ernst Lubitsch (87153031) 12.05pm Close-Up on James Str

(8694702) 12.15 RAC Raily Report Highlights (116054) 12.45 Cambridge Folk Festival (3/3) (8225238)

1.25 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures: The Magical Maze (4/5) (2800306)

2.25 The Travel Show (r) (1) (9284257) 3.10 Garth Brooks Live in Central Park

4.20 Everything to Play For Last in series (9230948) 4.50 The World in 1998 Peter Snow looks ahead to technological advances

(1804870) 5.50 Close-Up on James Stawart Richard Attenborough selects his favourite James Stewart performance (606219)

6.00 Bend of the River (1952) Western, starring James Stewart, Arthur Kennedy and Rock Hudson. Directed by Anthony Mann (95219)

7.30 Decisive Moments: Images from the News, 1997. Photos of the year's main events, including the tuneral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and Labour's election victory (T) (84696)

8.30 Flatworld Animated comedy by Oscarwinning British director Daniel Greaves (r) 9.00 Shooting Stars 1996 Christmas show (r)

**(1) (378257)** 9.35 The Fast Show 1996 Christmas show (r) (T) (124899)

10.20 Stella Street (741677) 10.30 Official Denial (1993) Sci-fi drama, with Parker Stevenson, Erin Gray and Chad Everett. Directed by Brian Trenchard-Smith (35796)



Host Jools Holland (12,00)

12.00 Jooks's Fifth Armual Hootenamy with Jooks Holland's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, B.B. King, Gabrielle, Jewel, Blur, Fun Lovin' Criminals (T) (9499505) 1.15am Glastonbury Highlights (2504642) 2.30 Weather (9290062)

6.00am GMTV (2129344) 9.25 The Fantastic Voyages of Sinbed the Salior (1822141)

9.55 Regional News and weather (7475783) 10.00 Freekazokii (71832) 10.30 Camp Nowhere (1994) Cornecty with Christopher Lloyd and Jonathan Jackson. Directed by Jonathan Prince (1)

(97967073) 12.20cm Regional News (9866764) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5770986)

12.55 Movie Magic: Dinomania (1888257)

1.55 News (1) (27490967) 2.00 Hooslers (1986) with Gene Hackman. A cool reception when he arrives in a small m to help the high school team. Directed by David Anspaugh (93446325)



Diana, Princess of Wales (4.10pm)

4.10 Diana: The Week the World Stood Still Nicholas Owen examines the public outpouring of emotion, from the first news of the fatal car crash in Paris to the Princess's funeral (T) (8795162)

5.40 News (T) and weather (143899) 6.00 The Baidy Man: Barbecue/China Doll (987696)

6.25 Regional Weather (863677) 6.30 Regional News (1) (122) 7.00 Emmerdate Roy is finding it hard to cope

with his mother's illness (T) (1412) 7.30 Coronation Street Deirdre makes an alarming discovery (1) (306) 8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight Guests include

Bob Monkhouse, Russ Abbot, Martine McCutcheon, Seen Meo and the Woolpeckers (2615)

9.00 A Perfect Stranger (1994) Film adaptation of Danielle Steel's drama with Robert Union as an ambitious attorney who falls in love with the beautiful wife of a terminally-III millionaire (1) (55715615)

10.45 News and weather (937948) 11.00 Happy New Year — Live from Edinburgh's Hogmanay Anthea Turner and Phillip Schofield are in Edinburgh for a huge street party (93509)

12.30am Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (1967) with Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn and Sidney Poitier, Social comedy-drama about the consequences of a young white woman's announcement to her upper-middleclass parents that she plans to wed a black research physician. Directed by Stanley Branner (43401) 2.30 Instant Replay '97 (6886371)

3.25 Light of Day (1987) with Micheel J. Fox, Gena Rowlands and Joan Jett. A brother and sister dream of musical standom but struggle against poverty, illness and family problems. Directed by Paul

5.25 Coronation Street (r) (1) (6063420) 5.55 News (4551352)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.55 The Fashion Police (2817696) 1.30-1,55 Masters of Illusion (52437239) 6.30-7.00 Central News (122) .

12.35am Film: MacKenna's Gold (97256159) 2.55 Rockmania (6856130) 3,55 Film: A Little of What You Fancy

5.05 Borrowers in the Making (6054772) 5.30 Talespin (4558265)

As HTV West except: 9.55-10.00 Birthday People (7475783) 12-20pm-12-30 Illuminations (9866764) 12.55 Emmardale (2817696) 1,30-1.55 Mesters of Illusion (52437239) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (41238)

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Starts: 6.00em Sesame Street (6540325) 7.05 The Babysitters' Club (3660528)

7.35 Two Stupid Dogs (8298986) 19.00 Zig and Zag's Big Morning (8608783) 10.01 Heppy Days (3948865)

10.35 Served by the Bell (1134122) 11.05 Moesha (8247580) 11.30 The Monkees (8253035) 12.05pm Coping With (2064783)

12.35 Earle, Indiana (5777899) 1.00 Slot Melithrin (50934238) 1.15 Tic Toc (50922493) 1.30 Boy Meets World (23832) 2.00 A Woman of Substance (705832)

3.55 A Little Something (9237851) 4.00 Bewitched (685). 4.30 Countdown (219) 5.00 5 Pump (9646412)

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10.00 Zig and Zag's Big Morning (8608783) 10.01 Happy Days (r) (3948865) 10.35 Saved by the Bell (r) (1) (1134122) 11.05 Mossha (r) (8247580) 11.30 The Monkess (8253035) 12.05pm Coping With: Cool (3/6) (2064783) 12.35 Eerle, indiana (r) (T) (5777699)

1.00 Astronauts A documentary about the crew of the space shuttle Endeavour as they prepare to embark on their first mission (f) (T) (52344).

2.00 A Woman of Substance The conclusion of the mini-series (f) (1) (705832) 3.55 A Little Something A Candy Guard animation about women's arristies (r)

(9237851) 4.00 Bewitched (685) 4.30 Countdown (1) (219)

5.00 The Apartment (1980) starring Jack Lemmon, Fred MacMunay and Shirley MacLaine. A multi Oscar-winning cornedy drams about a scheming corporate climber. Directed by Billy

Wilder (T) (78125493) 7.20 Creature Comforts Nick Park's Oscar winning animation with zoo animals talking about their life behind bars (r) (T) (738702)

7.25 News summary and weather (737073) 7.30 Things to Come A guide to competing visions of the future. The chaliman, David Aaronovitch, brings together three teams — the Technofuturists, the Continuity team and the Catastrophists (T) (79764)

8.30 Brookside Will Ron's date with Molly be a success? Has Susannah finally pushed Jacqui over the edge? Will Jimmy ever get over his loss? (T) (4509) Max Headroom Sir Jeremy Isaacs's choice of the one

programme he felt summed up Channel 4 during his years in charge (7889832) 10.10 Adem and Joe's Fourmative Years Cornedy from Adam Buxton and Joe Jornieri (1) (1528



Chris Evans celebrates (11.00pm)

11.00 TFI 1998 Chris Evens and the team see in the new year with guests Desmond Lynam, Frank Skinner, Jo Guest and lefinda Messenger (479054)

12.15em Under the Moon Sports magazine, tonight from Brox Stadium, Glasgow. Guests tonight include Rangers' Ally McCoist, his Cettic rival Alan Stubbs and radio presenter Stuart Cosgrove

3,00 The American Football Big Match: Road to Super Bowl XXXII (29555) ch: The 5.00 Meet Loat: Live in the Neighbourhood A concert recorded in New York (d)

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6.00em Dappledown Farm (r) (7652035) 6.30 The Wind in the Willows (62351180) 6.50 Mr Men and Little Miss (30143073) 7.00 Wirnzie's House (3803293) 7.30 Alviri and the Chipmunks (8653590) 8.00

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11.50 Animal Xiremes (90501615) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (4257734) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (1127580) 1.00 5 News Update (88469870) 1.05 Rad: Surfing the Volcano (13778783) 1.35 Knight Rider (2602702)

2.30 Biggies (1986) starring Neil Dixon.
W.E. Johns's hero is transformed into a
New York businessman, sent back in time
to the First World War. John Hough directs (62580431)

4.20 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (r) (2266073) 5.10 Hercules: The Legendary

Journeys (r) (1293696) 6.00 100 Per Cent (4380257)

6.30 Family Affairs (T) (4371509) 7.00 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1996) starring Melissa Joan Hart. A spin-off from the successful television series about a young girl coming to terms with the knowledge that she is a witch. Directed by Tibor Takacs (35133702)

8.45 - News 27 (2050030)



Guinness and Falk (9.00pm)

9.00 Murder by Death (1976) A spoof whodunnit in which an eccentric millionaire challenges the world's top detectives to solve a complicated case. Starring Peter Sellers, Peter Falk, Alac Guinness and David Niven. Directed by Robert Moore (32165528)

10.50 La Femme Nikita (6044219) 11.45 The Jack Docherty Show A music special (8385054)

12.30em Myth of the Male Organa (1993)
staring Buce Dinsmore. After a series of failures with the opposite sex, a professor takes part in a study of male attitudes. John Hamilton directs (3495826)

2.10 Mourning Becomes Electra (1947, b/w)
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FILE starting Roselind Russell and Michael
Redgrave. A drama based on Eugene
O'Nell's version of a Greek tragedy. directed by Dudley Nichols (21773739) 4.55 Night Stand Spoot chat show (8959772) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6617265)

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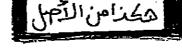
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31 1997

# Finney enlarges famous company of wingers



TOM FINNEY, one of the best players in the history of English football, heads the roll of British sportsmen and women receiving awards in the New Year's Honours List.

Finney, who is knighted, is joined by three others from the world of football, while there are also honours for leading figures in racing, rugby union, athletics, golf, cricket, netball

and swimming.
At the age of 75, Finney is the third former player, after Bobby Charlton and Stanley Matthews, to be knighted for

Plumber, Finney played 76 times for England, scoring 30 goals. Primarily a right-winger but versatile enough to play anywhere in the forward line, he joined the groundstaff at Preston North End at the age of 16 and stayed at the club throughout a distinguished 22-year career. He is the club's life president.

"I'm delighted and thrilled." he said yesterday. "It's a great way to start the new year." Charlton was generous in England predecessors. "It's just marvellous," he said.

"He's a great man who has

ball. I couldn't be more

Derek Shaw, the deputy chairman of Preston, spoke for the club and the whole of the Lancashire town. "It's news that the people of Preston have been waiting for for many a year," he said. Football's three other hon-

ours go to Mark Hughes, the Chelsea and Wales forward, Jim Leighton, the veteran Scotland goalkeeper, and Dario Gradi, the long-serving manager of Crewe Alexandra. They are all appointed MBE.
Few in football deserve recognition more than Hughes,

contributed so much to foot- who has won four winner's medals in FA Cup Finals. When he was in his pomp in the late Eighties and early Nineties, the would have been an automatic selection for more highly-rated internation-Rowell, a hugely successful

more highly-rated international teams than Wales.

Martin Johnson, who captained the first British Isles rugby union tham to win a series in South Africa for 23 years, is justed by Jack Rowell, the farmer England coach, in thing appointed OBE. "I are surprised and ing appointed surprised and OBE. "I af be honoured."
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during the year, I would not have believed it. My award represents a huge tribute to my Lions colleagues' perfor-

coach for two decades, admitted to having a tear in his eye when told of his award. He became England coach in 1994 after guiding Bath to five league titles and eight cup triumphs and led the national side to the grand slam in 1995 and the triple crown and the five nations' championship the following year.

Appearances in six Olympic Games from 1976 to 1996 OBE, one of Britain's most enduring athletes. Her finest moment came in 1984, when the javelin thrower won the gold medal.

Jenny Pitman, the controversial and outspoken trainer, who is appointed OBE for services to racing, has fought for recognition for women in a male dominated sport. She has trained two Grand National winners, Corbiere in 1983 and Royal Athlete in 1995, and she is only the second trainer to win all four domestic nationals.

Alf Gover, the oldest living England Test cricketer, is appointed MBE. Gover, 89,

took 100 wickets in a season eight times and twice topped 200 with his potent right-arm: fast bowling. He was in his prime during the years of the Second World War, which prevented him from playing more than four Tests. After retiring in 1947, he became a

leading coach.
There is an OBE for Vivien Saunders, a guiding light in the early days of the Women's Professional Golfers Association, while MBEs go to Lilian McGurk (neiball) and Terry Denison (swimming) and there is a CBE for Graeme Simmers, chairman of the

#### Toothless Northampton pay penalty for making too many mistakes

# Bath throw off vulnerable air to triumph

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

BATH ended a year that they would rather forget with a scrappy and, for the most part. unmemorable encounter with Northampton at the Recreation Ground yesterday. However, tries from Earnshaw and Nicol in the last II minutes not only relieved the tedium but suggested that Bath might yet recover more than their pride before the season is out.

The Heineken Cup final against Brive, of course, still beckons after 12 months in which Bath have lost not only their director of rugby, head coach and all their silverware, but also the aura of invincibility that had carried them so

They were again vulnerable for an even first 60 minutes Northampton side before Callard kicked his fourth penalty goal to give Bath a nine-

Butland and Webster and Catt moving to fly half. Bath found another gear to ensure them of their fifth league win of the season. More importantly, it took them into the upper echelons of the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division for the first time in this campaign.

It had all begun so unpromisingly with almost nothing to commend the first 40 minutes. Paul Grayson pulled an early penalty goal attempt wide of the posts for Northampton, but scoring opportunities were otherwise in short supply. Grayson finally got things moving after 30 minutes when Bath were judged guilty of pushing in a lineout.

The score appeared to galvanise Bath and, after their most coherent attack of the half, Callard kicked a simple penalty to level the scores. He gave Bath a 6-3 interval lead after Northey had been shown a yellow card for subsequent dissent. It was a refereeing decision with which Bath might have also discroft's clearance kick had fallen to Adebayo with the line at his mercy when the referee's

Clive Woodward, the Eng-land coach, and Jack Rowell, his immediate predecessor. were both looking on from the stand as Bath began with Butland at fly half, Catt in the centre and Perry on the bench. It was no coincidence that Bath's victory dash began when Perry came on and Catt moved to No 10.

Earnshaw's try, though, owed much to the speed of Dan Lyle, who collected. Townsend's attempted clearance and then tore through the heart of the Northampton defence. The American's overhead inside pass reached Callard, who found Earnshaw and the Cambridge Blue scored his fourth try in nine starts since joining Bath. Callard converted. Andy Long hooker, then Perry broke out of his own 22 and Earnshaw was again on hand, this time to supply the pass to put Nicol in under the posts.

"We made too many mistakes at the wrong times when the key points were on offer in the first 50 minutes," lan McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, said afterwards. "You don't do that down here. It was letting that nine-point gap open up that changed it."

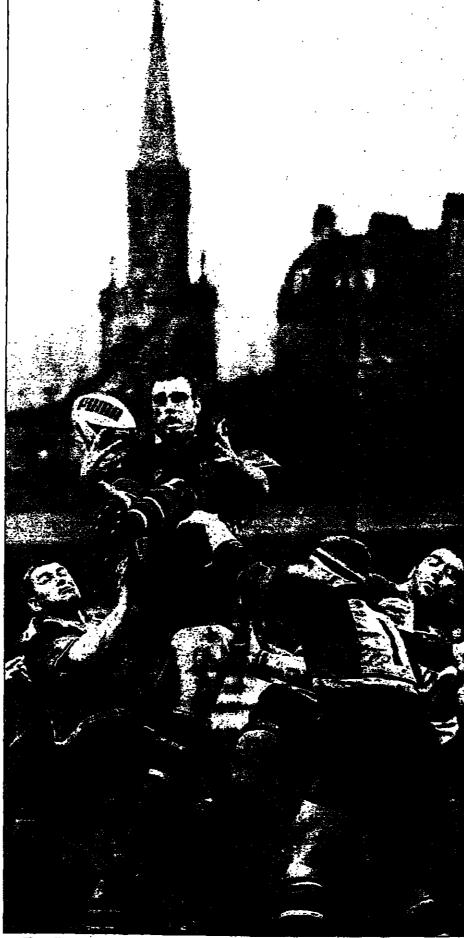
Andy Robinson, his opposite number, was impressed with his team's superior fitness and improved ball retention in the last quarter. As soon as we kept the ball, we put a bit of pattern on the game," he said.

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D Lyle (hap. R Pellow, 74),
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Chandler, the Northampton lock, tries to maintain balance as he wins a lineout

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- 10 Loss of wits (7) 11 Increased (5) 12 Brigand (6)
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- 24 Academic class (7) 25 Forearm joint (5) 26 Act as crew of (3)
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# Two-man farce enjoys short run

THIS being the pantomime season, what better time to recall sport's best farce of 1997? The Dumbing Down of Athletics, starring Michael Johnson and Donovan Bailey, ran for one evening. Never to be repeated or

Bailey and Johnson raced head-to-head over 150 metres at the Toronto SkyDome in June in an attempt to show who was the world's fastest man. The image of the sport took such a beating, though oh, yes it did - that the curtains have been drawn on future productions.

One-to-one competition is to be outlawed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). Giorgio Reineri, the IAAF head of public relations, said yesterday that the world governing body would in future enforce a law insisting that no races would be allowed with fewer than three athletes.

"The IAAF will not give permission for this kind of competition." Reineri said.

David Powell reports on moves to end head-to-head competition in athletics

three or more athletes." Johnson, from the United States, and Bailey, from Canada, were brought together by unprecedented financial incentives. Each was guaranteed \$500,000 (about rematch in the United States.

"We have to save the spirit of £300,000), with an additions competition and that means \$1 million for the winner. Johnson pulled up injured before halfway. Bailey accused him of feigning injury and the two men fell out. Meanwhile, Ray Flynn, Bai-



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le Gebrselassie, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion from Ethiopia, and Noureddine Morceli, the 1,500 metres Olympic champion from Algeria, met in Hengelo, Holland. They were drawn together by a \$1 million pot for the man who could break

eight minutes for two miles. Promoted on a ticket of seeing one man run two fourminute miles without stopping, athletics now had the eyes of the world upon it. But the script went horribly

The Hengelo race failed, like Toronto, to live up to its billing. The \$1 million jackpot went unclaimed and Morceli did not even finish. However, at least with an il-man field. the sport's laws were adhered to and Gebrselassie ran the fastest two miles in history. 8min LOSsec.

Ironically, Daniel Komen, of Kenya, broke the barrier without fuss seven weeks later, recording 7:58.61 in Hechtel, Belgium

## Shearer on fast track to return within a month

By David Maddock

remarkable recovery from the ankle injury that threatened his career. The Newcastle United and England for-ward's return to fitness is so far ahead of schedule that he could be playing again by the end of next month, according to sources at St James' Park.

Shearer has settled into a twice-daily training routine, working out with the first team squad at Newcastle's Durham training camp in the morning and then having a strenuous private session at a iocal gym in the afternoon.

The results have astounded the doctors who have helped ease him back towards fitness. They feared originally for his career and that, if he played igain, it would not be until March at the earliest.

Shearer ruptured ankle ligaments and broke a bone in his shin during a pre-season tournament at Goodison Park last July. A similar ankle injury kept Graeme Le Saux. the Cheisea and former Blackburn Rovers defender, out of the game for a year, but Shearer appears to have defied medical logic.

He has pencilled in two next month: an FA Cup fourthround tie on January 24 should Newcastle beat Everton in the third round on Sunday - and the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final on January 28 — if Newcastle overcome Liverpool in the quarter-final next week.

Shearer has twice returned a month quicker than predict-

ALAN SHEARER has made a ed after groin operations and also recovered two months ahead of schedule after a cruciate ligament operation.

The news will be welcomed by Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, who appointed Shearer captain this year. He has devised a playing system for the World Cup finals in June that revolves around the forward's strong-running

Emerson, the Middles-brough midfield player, con-tacted his club yesterday to admit that he had no intention of returning from his native Brazil. The midfield player was allowed to travel home for Christmas, but he failed to show for a Nationwide League first division game against Stockport County.

Yesterday, Keith Lamb, the club's chief executive, confirmed that Emerson would not be seen at the Riverside again. "Emerson rang to say that he would never come back to Middlesbrough," Lamb said. "If that is his attitude, then fine, we will not concern ourselves with a player who does not want to play for the club."

The Brazilian is hoping for a club made an inquiry for him before Christmas, Middles, brough will allow him to leave for a fee of £5 million.

Everton completed the free transfer of Mickael Madar, the France international, vesterday from Deportivo La Coruña, of Spain.

Moore's mission, page 41

## Bulgaria in Crisis

LEFT TO FREEZE l%, already mai-ished could die from cold and hunger this January unless aid hes them nove, With dan '3 300 ciothing and no shoes fer him little protection



No Money To Feed The Children No Money To Heat The Orphanages

Bulgaria is a country in the midst of a serious economic zisis. Now thousands of children are suffering terribly as inter reaches its coldest point. Urgent help is needed. There is little money to heat the orphanages. Orphanage Directors are having to beg for food from local

villages and rarely know where the next meal is coming from. In some areas children, like Yordan, are going hungry and the cold could prove fatal for many children this winter. Without aid this could be catastrophic for Bulgaria's

The European Children's Trust, sister charity of The mian Orphanage Trust, is ready to distribute emergency food packs, clothes and fuel to the orphanages in most need. Your gift today will save lives and bring hope.

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